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# Blair: I am not dumping ideals

### Labour leader answers critics

fighting on two fronts last night: Major's startling

simultaneously reassuring his own party activists that New Labour is not "dumping" socialist ideals. In an article in today's Guardian, the Labour leader

rejects any suggestion that he is a closet Liberal Democrat or that he regards his party as a "failure". But he remains

In a separate initiative, he also ridiculed what Mr Major sees as the morality of tax-cutting for its own sake. Mr Blair told Radio 4's World at One that a truly moral gov-ernment would see its purpose as providing good health and education, and tackling unemployment and

homelessness.

How best to achieve such aims will be central to the election battle. But after last week's bruising exchanges at the TUC conference, Mr Blair

Denying that he has "dumped" Scottish devolu-tion or is "bashing" the unions, Mr Blair insists in his article that necessary changes do not mean that Labour now stands for nothing. "The difficulty is making the argument without distortion. In particular, we should exorcise the language of heexorcise the language of be-trayal", and debate without

rancour, he writes. "In making these changes we are not ending the socialist ideal. On the contrary, we

centre-left parties around the world to change in response to electoral defeat.

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"Socialism as a rigid form of economic determinism has ended," but New Labour remains "within the tradi-tions of social democracy and democratic socialism" Mr Blair writes — days after fel-low-modernisers in Labour's ranks urged the ditching of the socialist label.

As senior Tories eagerly monitored signs of Labour division, John Prescott intersure traditionalists that even the rewritten version of paid for out of taxes by the Democrats as well as Labour,

Mr Blair's deputy pointedly reminded a Road to the Manifesto rally in Luton that the crucial words "were agreed by Tony and myself to ensure we are relevant right into the next century" and went on to take a gentle swipe against too much Lib-Lab co-operation. He mentioned the word

"socialist" four times.

Mr Prescott said the NHS had been conceived by the Liberal academic, Lord Beyeridge, as an insurance-based system, and turned into one

took this Liberal idea and gross national product transformed it into a democratic socialist concept," he

In a keynote lecture in London yesterday the Prime Minister accused Blairite Labour of having more in common with the statist regimes of communist eastern Europe. Claiming that "the case for smaller government is as much a moral case as an economic one", Mr Major again pledged the Tories to cut in-come tax when they can Amid scorn from Liberal

Consumers

spark boom

RITAIN'S streets are enjoying their biggest boom since the late 1980s,

rekindling government hopes that public optimism about the economy will provide the foundation stone for political

recovery before the election.
Official figures released yesterday showed that a com-

hination of low interest rates. dormant inflation and the

revival in the housing market wooed consumers back into the shops last month.

cent in August, the strongest sign yet that the "feelgood" fac-tor may at last be returning.

The Treasury played down the importance of the August

figures, but the City said the strength of consumer activity

sharply reduced the chances of

further cuts in interest rates for the forseeable future.

Activity was 4.4 per cent higher in August than in the

same month a year ago — the fastest rate of growth since the spring of 1969, when the

the Unite National Statistics showed that retail sales surged by I per

scarcely lower than in 1979,

freedom and choice - still one of the basic divides in Government should not "innot needed", he insisted It should be an "enabler" he said, in terms some Labour strategists would recognise.

double-digit interest rates. Last month's rise followed a

fall of 0.6 per cent in July, but the City said the underlying rise in consumer spending

was no longer in any doubt. In the three months to August — the Government's preferred measure and a bet-

ter guide to the underlying trend — the volume of sales

was up by 3.5 per cent on a year earlier.
Hefty price discounting meant stores selling clothes

and shoes had their best three-month trading period for 10 years, with the volume

of sales up by more than 9 per

Sales of household goods,

which languished during the seven-year house price slump, were almost 7 per cent higher in the latest quarter

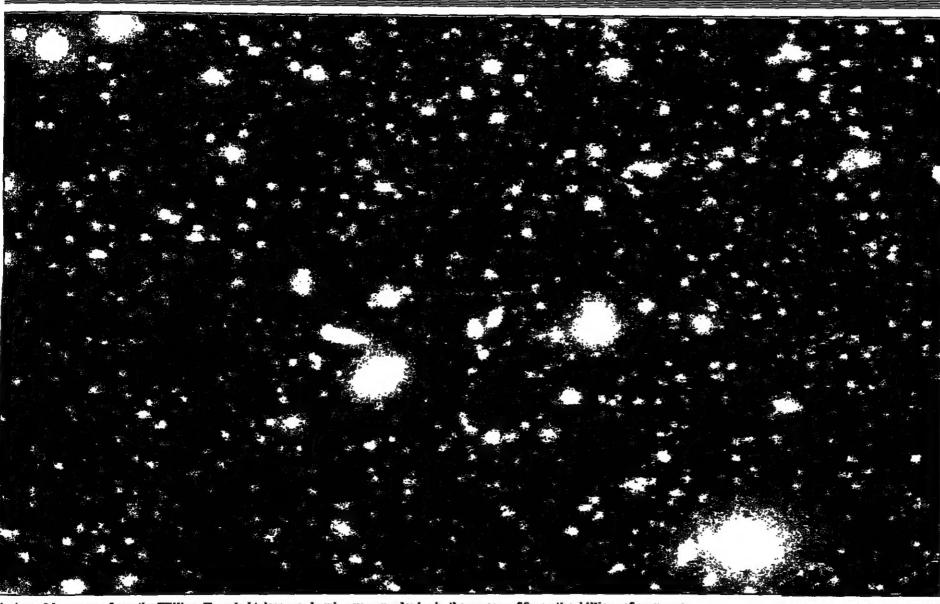
than a year earlier. Liberal Democrat Treasury

spokesman Malcolm Bruce

said: "It looks sadly as if Mr Clarke's economic policy now

consists of inflationeering in-

stead of securing the long-term investment the economy



A view of deep space from the William Herschel telescope showing young galaxies in the process of formation billions of years ago

Space, the final frontier. as seen down 10-billion-year time tunnel to birth of galaxies

is out there

Rebecca Smithers

Political Correspondent

HE future of John Ma-

jor's nursery voucher

doubt last night after Tory-

cil warned that the pilot it is

running is fraught with prob-

lems and a bureaucratic

In a leaked submission to the all-party education com-

nightmare for teachers.

ntrolled Westminster coun-

scheme was thrown into

mittee, the council has questander addressed by the Governtioned Mr Major's promise ment," it says.

Tim Radford finds truth of matter

years ago — and set a puz-zle for those trying to calcu-late the birth of time itself.

tronomers to think again about the moment of

Not only do the latest findings raise questions about 120, 50 and 30 hours respectively, astronomers focused way. The universe began,

that the scheme will widen choice and improve the qual-

ity of education. It claims that

will not address shortage of places" and that "the likeli-hood of a youcher scheme

stimulating the market to cre-ate new places is doubtful".

vouchers do not even cover

the cost of a part-time nursery place and that the number

places could fall. "Thes

difficulties need to be

It also warms that the £1,100

market forces on their own

Dr Shanks said yester-day: "I think we have seen

the final frontier."
His group, based at the reports in Nature today that the detection of the oldest, faintest galaxies could once again force astronomers to think again. lands and Spain in the Ca-nary Islands and the UK's infra-red telescope on Hawaii. Using exposures of

by Deirdre McGrath, West-

minster's director of educa

sion to MPs investigating the

operation of the nursery

voucher scheme. The five-page document — leaked to the Labour MP Margaret

Hodge - was sent to the com

mittee after being approved by the council's education chair, Jenny Bianco.

BRITISE astronomers stars, all the light, all space on a tiny part of the sky and all time — began, they and caught the faintest wisps of light from the most distant galaxies. In effect, they looked down a long tunnel of time back to a moment when the universe was perhaps a third or even

The galaxies they detected are blue, which is taken to mean that they are very newly-formed. But the light from them is also "redshifted" — which means they are accelerate

ing away very swiftly.
This, to astronomers,

The assessment is detailed | running as a pilot since April | make the scheme a centre of Deirdre McGrath, West- in preparation for national | piece of her speech.

in preparation for national implementation next April.

The Government claims the

scheme will boost the number

of pre-school places and give greater choice to the parents

of four-year olds, who will get

youchers worth £1.100 to use

vate sectors.
But Westminster's findings

according to theory, with a Big Bang and galaxies have been expanding away from each other ever since. But if the galaxies are very far away, then they are also very far back in time.
"In the same way that

light takes eight minutes to get from the Sun to the Earth, the light from these galaxies has taken 10 billion years to get to the Earth," said Dr Shanks.

According to at least one

early for star formation. But, Dr Sbanks said, cosmology had been a theoretiturn to page 2, column 6

In a further blow, the two other Tory-controlled coun-

cils - Wandsworth and Ken-

sington & Chelsea - are understood to have expressed

similar fears.
The councils' evidence

raises serious doubts about the viability of the scheme,

which Mr Major announced

in 1994 as a key plank of edu-cational reforms. It has been

fraught with problems, and even Mrs Shepherd's has had



Last night Mrs Hodge said: Westminster, the jewel in

the Tories' local government crown, has now joined the

Labour Party in giving a

resounding thumbs down to

. lists a catalogue of

She has written to Mrs She

phard urging her to scrap the

money to invest in real nurs-ery education." Mrs Hodge

added. "That is what parents

want. That's even what West minster Council wants."

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"She should use the

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are to go at Ford's. Halewood car plant on Merseyside, the price of heavy become the next investment on the new Escort model:

chair, Jenny Bianco.

The report provides the first evidence of the workings of the scheme, which four local authorities have been Shephard, was planning to

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## Interesting people in a perfect past



Stuart Millar

N the first floor of the trendy chrome and glass Business Design Centre in Islington, north Lon-don, a set of clocks give the exact time in big cities around the world. Yesterday, as it struck 8.30pm in Hong Kong. visitors walking through the grey swing doors would have been in little doubt what time zone they were in: Britain.

"Philately will take you anywhere," quipped the signs lovingly reproduced over more than a few of the stalls on the exhibition floor. Never mind the real world of postal strikes; for a glimpse of a past so mundanely British, step into Stampex 96 — the most important bash in stamp col-lecting's crowded social

in contrast to the surroundings, the scene on the floor below was more Boy's Own World reunion than cutting edge design. Grey-haired men in herringbone jackets pored intensely over stalls looking for treasure in the form of stamps, postcards or postal memorabilia. With 17,000 collectors and traders from around the globe expected to pass through by the weekend, philately's big noises were out

in force. Even the Queen, represented in silhouette hundreds of times over at each of the 120 stalls, had the royal collection, perhaps the most sought after

in the world, on display. The collection is so priceless that even the three guards on duty would have struggled to withstand a dedicated onslaught from the doddery, earnest-looking enthusiasts - all men apart from a few longsuffering wives — cooing in wonder at the first proofs of the Penny Black.

At the M & S Stamps stall. decked out in fetching Union Jack flags which probably saw service at both the 1957 Great Exhibition and the Silver Jubilee, the top bargain of the day was a Victorian £5 Orange on blue paper. The mint pecimen may have been a

fiver then — yesterday it was going for a cool £2,500. "It's in very good condi-tion." said Malcolm Sprel, behind the counter. "T'm sure I'll have it sold by the end of the

Mr Sprei said such rarities were not really his game. "We cater for everybody. Some people sell nothing but these kind of stamps, but we sell stamps from 50p up, so kids can afford them.

Mr Sprei is clearly an opti-mist. From its heyday when every young lad in Britain had a Stanley Gibbons stamp album under his bed next to the Hornby railway and a wellthumbed Beano annual. stamp collecting is competing in a very different world. where Sonic the Hedgehog and recreational drug use are more appealing to the average teenager than snapping up a rare Hungarian first day

"It takes a lot of patience and effort that young people today don't seem to have." complained Michael Anthony an enthusiast from Finchley. north London. He has been collecting since his pilot cousin, while on leave from fighting Nazi Germany, bought him an album — six months before he was killed in

"I was 10 then and I was hooked. It's an education. You earn about history and geography, but today's youngstern don't seem interested. His friend, William Kac-

zynski, who is an expert in mail from wartime internee agreed. "They don't underthan sticking a few pretty stamps in a book. When you find something you have bee looking for it is very exciting." At Tony Field's stall, a man

was experiencing just that ex-citement finding a postcard with a stamp issued during the brief reign of Edward VIII. "They only printed three different stamps so they are quite rare, "explained Mr Field.

He was doing his best to con vert non-believers. "I have never met a stamp collector who wasn't a very interesting straight face.

#### Review

### Ritualistic style unlocks emotion

Michael Billington The Oedipus Plays Olivier Theatre

T may not be Epidaurus. There may not be the magic of the night sky or the rustle of the distant wind. But the Olivier Theatre is a good deal more comfortable and it makes the perfect indoor space for Peter Hall's superb production of The Oedipus Plays which, for all its recognition of human misfortune,

has the healing touch. I have always been some-what sceptical about Hall's ritualistic approach to Greek drama: the masks, the formal grouping, the scrupulous antinaturalism. But it works marvellously for Sophocles's twin masterpieces in that it yields memorable images, unlocks the plays' emotion and offers a striking counterpoint to Ranjit Bolt's direct, simple, even

colloquial translation. In Oedipus the King the stage pictures are overpowering. Alan Howard's doomed Oedipus occupies a long plat-form that juts out over the stage and, at the last, he appears in a hollow-eyed mask which makes him look like one of Bacon's cardinals. The blind, mud-caked Tiresias is led on stage by a boy with a rope in an image of Beckettian dependence. And when the Chorus recognise the horror, a single masked face turns towards the audience in a state of inexpressible grief.

But Hall also brings out the philosophical contradiction at the heart of these plays. "Our lives are ruled by chance," claims Jocasta; and, in one

sense, Oedipus is the victim of fate. But Sophocles also shows that Oedipus has a restless curiosity and heroic dedication to truth. In Howard's performance you sense a passionate zeal to know himself.

The paradox of existence comes out even more strongly in Oedipus at Colonus where, in Dionysis Fotopolous's setting, the sacred grove is implied by a single Godotesque tree. "Never to have been born s best by far," cry the Chorus in Sophocles's most quoted line. But the action is also a tribute to human endurance, to the possibility of loyalty and affection and to the fact that, while we suffer in the present "there was suffering yester-day". Hall's production per-fectly preserves that balance

alive for a modern audience. Howard, having articulated a rising arc of emotion in the first play, in the second brings out the ironic humour underlying Oedipus's suffering. And, under the masks, there are striking contributions from Suzanne Bertish as the agonised Jocasta, Greg Hicks as the blindly prophetic Tire-sias and Pip Donaghy as the shiftingly ambiguous Creon. Judith Weir's music also has the supreme merit of heightening the emotion without overpowering it. But the triumph of Hall's production is that, while using the methods of antiquity, it makes these plays accessible and shows how human suffering is con-

between pain and stoicism. In short, the plays come

stantly countered by fortitude This review appeared in later editions of yesterday's Guardian

#### Shephard sets stricter teacher training rules

ACRACKDOWN on methods was signalled by Gillian Shephard, the Education and Employment Secretary, as she imposed a national cur-riculum for trainee teachers

yesterday. In the latest move to in-

and university education de partments — blamed by many Conservatives for promoting ineffective child-centred methods in the classroom she said trainees would have to demonstrate subject knowl edge and a grasp of approved teaching methods.

In England and Wales the national curriculum for primary teaching in English and In the latest move to in-crease control over colleges duced next September.

### MISSING:

Lee Boxell FIGHT years ago, Lee, from Sutton, Surrey, told a friend with whom he had been windowshopping that he might

go and watch a football match that afternoon. He is now 23. He was of t 6 inches tall and of slim build when he went missing. He has brown hair and grey eyes.



#### **MISSING: Ruth Wilson**

RUTH Wilson, aged 16, whose family live near Dorking, Surrey. was last seen in November when she was dropped off by a taxi close to the Hand-in-Hand public house near Box Hill.

Her parents, both teachers, think she may have been worried about her school report.

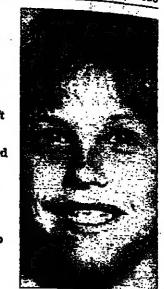
She was in the lower sixth-form preparing for A levels. She is oft 2in tall and normally



#### MISSING: Stephen Bingham

STEPHEN was 15 when he went missing in June 1983. He left a note at his home in Sheffield, telling his mother he loved her and apologising for breaking a window.

He has two nephews he knows nothing about. He has brown hair, blue eyes and a pierced ear, and used to walk with a limp.



# Search for 'lost' children

## **Britain 'might** block action'

HE European Union last night moved to combat child abuse and paedophilia when it outlined sures to co-ordinate laws and police investigations to

fight what appears to be a burgeoning international trade in abducted youngsters. The European Commission and the Irish presidency of the Council of Ministers put forward proposals to the European Parliament to establish a register of sex offenders and a register of youngsters who have disappeared, control pornographic material on the Internet, and give a European police agency the leading role in tracking down offenders.

Odile Leperre-Verrier, a French MEP, said: "How many children do we need to be abducted, raped or as saulted before we find the

right solutions?" Fears were already being expressed at the parliament that Britain might block coordinated action. The mea-sures, to be discussed in more detail when EU justice and home affairs ministers meet in Dublin next week, are likely to confront Michael Howard, the Home Secretary.

with an awkward dilemma. The Government has al-ways opposed EU interven-tion in what it considers internal matters - such as the ecurity and judicial systems Mr Howard, a Euro-sceptic, will be faced a fortnight beconference with either sup porting the proposals, or angering Britain's European partners by declining to cooperate in an attempt to

ounter paedophilia. The issue is arousing emotion across Europe in the wake of the recent Belgian child abuse case, which has led to fears of an interna tional sex trade in abducted

children. There were repeated calls from MEPs in last night's European Parliament debate for co-ordinated action as the only effective means of tackling pornography and child

rish foreign affairs minister, told the parliament "More than a million children world- have fallen victim to seri-ous sexual exploitation. happens in Britain, it hap-

Gay Mitchell, the junior wide — some as young as two

ens in Belgium. It is happen-



# Mark Johnson

ARK, from Bristol, dis-Vappeared four years

ing in all our member states and we will begin to tackle the problem only when we come to terms with that

reality." Mr Mitchell called for an international register of paedophiles, joint legislation against the sex tourism indus try — to enable the arrest and charge of those people who go on holiday in search of sex that would be illegal at home and an extension of the remit of the European police "It happens in Ireland, it drugs unit to cover sex

offences. There were repeated calls

ing a note to say he was go ing to stay with a friend. He used to spend hours ice-skating, playing snooker and frequenting

The National Missing Persons

from MEPs for the nascent Europol international police intelligence unit — which Britain has blocked for two years — to be established quickly so that it could take over investigation of cross-

border rings. The Irish government has proposed that Europol's powers be extended to cover traf-ficking in humans. Belgium has called for an international court to be set up to deal with sex offenders if they are found to have crossed

frontiers.
Britain has delayed the set-

ting up of Europol because, alone among member states, its government objects to the Court to resolve disputes about the unit. Because of this hiatus no country has so far ratified the unit's establishment.

Anita Gradin, the Swedish justice commissioner, said: "Europol has a decisive role to play in the fight against the sexual abuse of children. It is important that it is ratified as quickly as possible."

# Swiss gold inquiry delay

facts appeared. "The political

and legal consequences can only be decided when the facts are clear," he said. Mr Rifkind described the

Swiss decision to set up an inquiry — which will investigate missing accounts of Jews and others who deposited

money anonymously to evade the Gestapo, as well as the gold — as a "right, appropri-

ate and sensitive response."

He stood by the estimates made in the FO report on Nazi gold published last week

Holocaust survivors must wait two years for Nazi loot verdict

**Richard Norton-Taylor** 

URVIVORS of the Holo caust and their relatives will have to wait at least two years before they know whether they can recover billions of pounds worth of looted Nazi gold which the Foreign Office believes remains hidden in the vaults of Swiss banks of Swiss banks.
Malcolm Rifkind, the For-

eign Secretary, was told by Flavio Cotti, his Swiss counterpart, in Berne yesterday that a thorough investigation into Switzerland's wartime financial dealings with Nazi Germany would last two to

— and questioned by the Swiss — saying he had no reason to believe they were inaccurate. Mr Cotti also appeared to back away from earlier sug-gestions that Switzerland Mr Rifkind has also agreed to consider demands by the Holocaust Educational Trust and other Jewish groups that might be prepared to renego-tiate a 1946 agreement whereby the wartime Allies recovered only 12 per cent of Nazi gold still held in the Bank of England should be the looted gold in Swiss banks, estimated by the For-eign Office to be worth nearly £4 billion at today's prices. rather than governments.

This gold — worth about £40 million — is under the control of the Tripartite Gold Commission which has al-ready allocated it to 10 Euro-"This was considered to be pean governments with claims on it.
However, the FO said this week that the commissioners
— from Britain, the US and a definitive agreement," said Mr Cotti, though he added he could not say what his gov-ernment would decide if new

France - "are instructed by, and report to, their respective governments, who are in turn accountable to their parliaments' Mr Rifkind went out of his

way at a press conference yes-terday to praise Switzerland's role during the second world "One recollects the way in which Switzerland was a bea-

con of freedom and liberty surrounded by the totalitar-ian dark forces of Nazism and fascism. The way the Swiss people defended liberty was very important." he said. Janice Lopatkin, spokes-woman for the Holocaust

Educational Trust, said it was pleased but "slightly disap-pointed" with the outcome of the meeting between the two foreign ministers.
The trust would continue to

### Space, the final frontier revealed

continued from page one theorists had to confront evidence. "We can take these chaps and show them an actual galaxy, like our own, in the process of for-mation all these billions of years ago, and actually tell them the time it

There is a catch: astronomers and cosmologists would really like to know what has happened to those galaxies since the light, now captured on film, set off 10 billion years ago. It would suit the theorists if they faded, or merged with other galaxies. There now seems to be too many galaxies in the early universe.
The total amount of mass in the universe is crucial to its final fate.

If the universe is "open" then it will go on expanding forever. Most theorists are prejudiced in favour of it being "closed": that is, one day the universe's own gravity will bring expansion to a halt, and then reverse it. Time and space and stars will all implode in a Big Crunch.

#### Europe's missing children

STATISTICS on missing has mounted over high pro-file incidences of child abuse incomplete and unreliable -Interpol currently lists only 60 missing children in Europe and 191 worldwide, writes Stephen Bates in Strasbourg. One reason for the Euro-

pean Parliament's call for a register of abducted children is to get fuller statistics. Children abducted and taken abroad by a parent are registered; there are no central statistics for those who are abducted or disappear. Under the Hague Conven-

tion children taken out of their home countries by a parent are supposed to be returned there for a court to decide on custody: this is not always honoured.

Britain: Last year 21,500 people under 18 — nearly 5.900 of them under 14 — were reported to Scotland Yard because they went missing in, from or on the way to London. Only 190 were still missing at the end of the year. Police nationally reported

500 young people as missing for more than 28 days; a quarter were not traced. The National Missing Persons Hotline, a charity based in London, estimates that 15

per cent of its 14,000-16,000 cases are children. Most are reunited with families, some-Ireland lists 132 abduc tions: 62 children taken to Ire-

in children's homes and among the clergy.

☐ France this week reported an increase in reported cases of violence and sexual above against children, from 37,000 in 1994 to 20,000 last year, with a further 45,000 categories of a strick rised as at risk.

vulsed by revelations of a pee-dophile gang. Two teensees were rescued, but two teen have been found dead Fife agers and two eight children are known to have disappeared in recent years eight are still missing it is feared the gang may have sent some abroad to the Cach Republic and Slovakia

Germany: More than 500 over the past 21 months ac cording to police statistics. A CID said the list of missing children totals 750, including unsolved cases going back 3 years. The figure for the period since the beginning of 1995 is 578. This includes a small number of minors who are dead but whose corpse have not been recovered, for example, from air crashes

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Denmark: In 1994-95 27 children were listed as being abducted into the country and land and 70 taken away from 17 taken away from it; accord-Ireland by a parent. Concern | ing to Hague figures.

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# Clarke's boom bursts Tory gloom



#### **Analysis**

#### Chancellor re-writes D-day history

Larry Elliott

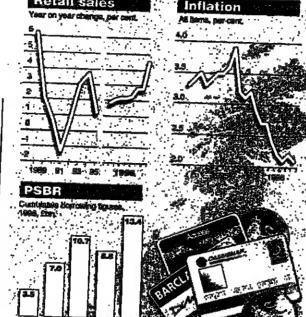
ENNETH CLARKE has had a good week. In fact, the Chancellor has had a good summer, but this week has been a bit special. On the fourth anniversary of Black Wednesday, hardly anybody mentioned the D-word.
As far as Mr Clarke is con-

cerned, this collective amne sia is a sign of success. Four years ago, Britain had fust been dumped out of the Execonomy left without a rud-der and the Government sent into a spiral of decline from which it has yet to recover.

Ministers admit that after September 16, 1992, things were never quite the same again: it was followed within six months by the furore over pit closures, arms to Iraq. Norman Lamont's problems with his Access bill, and the Charles and Di break-up. Not all these difficulties can

be put down to devaluation, of course, but the period from late 1992 to early 1993 was marked by a feeling that the Government had lost control. Consumer confidence fell like Consumer confidence fell like Government after Black a stone, and the Conservative Wednesday. Second, the party's opinion poll ratings followed suit.





that Mr Clarke was catapulted in May 1993, his predecessor having made one gaffe too many with his "je ne regrette rien" quip on the stump in the Newbury by

In three respects, the new Chancellor was lucky. First, Mr Lamont was the lightning conductor for all the public resentment heaped on the sacked Chancellor had just in- been accomplished at airollowed suit.

It was into this situation | ful Budget, in which hefty tax | history which do not accord | trying to re-establish the Gov-

year to allow economic recovery to mature. Third, a far more sensible monetary framework had been hastily put in place by the Treasury and the Bank of England Clarke's job over the past

34 years has been strightforward: to keep the economy moving so that voters will forget Black Wednesday.

Like Stalin in the 1920s and 1930s, the Chancellor has



Lamont regrets nothing. Livingstone damns with faint praise

with his Panglossian view of ernment's reputation for ecothe economy. He argues that nomic competence. Here, the Chancellor has been far more recovery would have hap-pened with or without devalusuccessful: so much so that Ken Livingstone says he is the best (or, more accurately, least bad) of the five Conseration because the supply side changes of the 1980s had made Britain stronger than in the dark days of the 1970s. vative cha Never a politician to worry | Notebook, page 11

Every City analyst dismisses this for what it is: bunkum. Britain's departure from the ERM led to a 15 per cent fall in the exchange rate and a cut of four percentage points in base rates. Compa-nles which had been battling for survival were reprieved: consumers could start to keep

up with mortgage payments. But the Chancellor has kept plugging away, safe in the knowledge that the Labour Party's support for the disas-trous ERM experiment has left him virtually immune from Opposition attack. The voters, so far, have proved hard to win round, as on every other occasion a Government has suffered the humiliation of devaluation.

#### Sales figures hailed by City as evidence of a return to the late 1980s

Larry Elliett Economics Editor

THE Conservatives seized gleefully on the upbeat news from Britain's high streets yesterday in a bid to dominate the political agenda ahead of the party conference season.

Although the Chancellor, Kenneth Clarks Kenneth Clarke, refrained from commenting on the evidence of consumer recovery.

party spin doctors joined the
City in hailing the figures as evidence of a return to the late 1980s.

With sales of clothes and shoes 12.2 per cent higher in August than a year earlier, and activity up by more than 11 per cent in stores selling fridges, TVs, stereos, CDs. washing machines and microwaves, the City view was unanimous: if this is not a consumer boom, it is starting

to look suspiciously like one. What's more, analysts said, the prospects for the economy were as promising as minis-ters could wish for in the months leading up to the elec-tion. The public finances may be in a mess, but almost every other indicator was flashing green, they added.

Yesterday's data showed the strength of sales of household goods was directly linked to the recovery in the housing market, after its steady fall from 1989 to 1995. The Halifax building society said the cost of property was falling by around two per cent this time last year, now it is rising by more than five per cent.

over much about upsetting people, Mr Clarke has faced

down the Governor of the Bank of England over interest

rates and won. He has called the economy right at almost

every turn and has rightly resisted attempts by back-

benchers to bounce him into

As the Opposition points

out, there are still structural

problems with the economy that the Chancellor has not

addressed. But the Tories have clawed back Labour's

lead on economic competence

and there is every sign that

the economy is set to rock in 1997. In the past, the current

configuration of the economy would have been enough to guarantee the Government

unaffordable tax cuts.

House prices, which were crucial in lifting the spirits of consumers in the late 1980s. are proving influential again. Not since the Lawson boom in 1967/8 has business been so good for Dixons and Next. Consumers may say they still feel miserable, but their willingness to borrow, buy and, in some cases, binge suggests otherwise. Andrew Cates, economist at

victory. If the Conservatives lose, it will be despite the economy, not because of it. City firm UBS, said yesterday that in more normal times tie when an election was not

Every week

thousands of people

are coming to

Direct Line for a

cheaper mortgage.

would already have raised base rates to damp down spending. But the prospects of

that are remote.
Eddie George, the Governor
of the Bank of England, would love to see the cost of borrowing go up. But that is not going go up. Dut that is not go-ing to happen. The minutes of the August monetary meeting between Mr George and Mr Clarke show the Chancellor will only be inclined to raise rates if "inflation pressures started to nick up".

started to pick up".

But Mr Clarke is confident that inflation is unlikely to pick up before polling day. The last 12 months has seen a pause in economic growth, with output rising at a mode. 1.8 per cent in the year to the second quarter of 1996. Manufacturers have been

left with warehouses full of unsold stocks, forcing them to cut prices in an attempt to drum up trade. Retailers are worried that the consumer boom may peter out if they get too greedy; earnings growth is being held in check by residual job insecurity.

As a result core producer prices — the cost of goods leaving factories — are growing more slowly than they have been since the 1960s, while the annual rate of consumer inflation is set to plummet over the next few months.

Surveys from the Confeder ation of British Industry and the British Chambers of Commerce have indicated that manufacturing output is set to pick up because factories have run down stocks to the point where they need to in-crease production to meet

strong consumer demand, Some analysts, such as Mr Cates, believe this portends ill for inflation, because the pressure on capacity will force up prices. But even those in the City who expect the reappearance of inflation do not expect it to happen before the election.

Indeed, some in the City, such as Roger Bootle, chief economist at HSBC, believe the final piece in the jigsaw will fall into place over the coming year as investment starts to respond to stronger growth and a pick up in cor-

porate profits.

Analysts now expect a tough budget aimed at pleasing the financial markets. If the package is deemed suitably stringent, base rates will remain on bold at least until the spring, and may even

looming) the Chancellor Leader comment, page 8

# Major claims moral high ground

Blair's 'big government' plans would stiffe choice, PM says

wrest back the moral high ground from Tony Blair last night, when he accused New Labour of still hankering after "big govern-ment" solutions, and insisted that his own ambition to shrink the state and the tax bill was "as much a moral case as an economic one". In a speech intended to address the changing role of government from a practical, not theoretical, standpoint, the prime minister cited reforms as diverse as the Citizen's Charter, the NHS internal market and sweeping pri-vatisation as proof of the Tory

Shorter hospital queues, some of the cheapest utility prices in Europe, less bureaupublic service has to be picked up, shaken down, reshaped and given a new cul-

OHN Major moved to The political implication of his Spectator Lecture at the QE II conference centre in London amounted to a chal-lenge to Blairite Labour to set out its philosophy of government — to show voters that a thus diminishing their fundamental philosophical choices. Big government and political divide" still exists between the parties.

model of government, which spends about a third of gross national product (GNP) — in contrast to the 50 per cent common in western Europe — he repeated the long-stated target of reducing Britain's expenditure to below 40 per cent, a goal which has defeated ministers for years.

achievement over 17 years. "Moral is a word I usually prefer to leave to the Church. But it is apt for what I intend cracy, and more responsive to say. For example, is it posed to common instinct, services were the result. "The moral to take from individ-common freedom and com-

uals the right to make per-sonal decisions? I think not. "Is it moral to impose obligations on employers like the Social Chapter and the mini-mum wage, that will cost jobs

and prevent those without jobs from getting them? Again think not." His words will infuriate losers in the free market economic model. He extended the argument in favour of "choice" and

lower income tax - compulsorily taken from citizens and and political divide" still ex-sts between the parties.

Invoking the Asian-US

nodel of experiment which Likening western European democratic socialism — "or even social democracy" he quipped — to a milder version of Stalinism, he said both

stemmed from a desire to tax, regulate and interfere.
"The more I see of government from the inside the more I believe those failures were predictable, the result of applying fundamental princi-ples that are diametrically op-posed to common instinct.

"I can hear the cries of 'un-caring Conservatives' already forming on the lips of our opponents. Cut taxes? Just an electoral bribe, they say. End capital taxation? Just a ramp for the well-to-do. These cries just blur the argument. They are nonsense, we shall not be

Ironically, Mr Major's repeated pledge — renewed last night — to end capital gains and inheritance taxes when funds permit is opposed by the Treasury and would largely help the well-to-do. He was also reproaching his own right wing. "No Conservative would ar-

gue that the state should not have responsibility to provide a secure defence or an effective police force. Equally it is right that we should provide a universal access to a taxpayer-funded health service and provide every child with a choice of state-funded education. Other areas are self-evident, such as the wel-fare safety net. he said. In fact, all three are under attack from the New Right.

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Is Clint Eastwood a sexist control freak, prone to violence and unable to hold down a real relationship with a woman? Or is he a deeply sensitive artist, who has spent his career advancing the interests of women?

Jonathan Freedland, 62 cover story

# With supermarket sales and generous gifts, the art world is clearly in capital form

Ab Fab store makes move into selling pictures with pasta and paté

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Alex Beilos goes shopping in style

from supermarkets, but at Harvey Nichols yesterday a supermarket embraced the For the first time in Brit-

ain. shoppers were able to buy paintings by profes-sional artists along with

partment store in Knightsbridge were able to flick through racks of paintings, priced from £125 to £295, as others scan the bargain

hins at record stores.

Part of Harvey Nichols' top floor, housing the cafe, restaurant and food hall,

NDY Warhol's Campbell gallery and bargaining the end of next month to with a dealer, shoppers at have been art derived the upmarket London deplay of hundreds of paintings by several artists, which dozens of shoppers perused yesterday between picking their pastas or pondering on patés.

The idea behind Art their art muc sible and mor away from the tired and dull ritual surrounding art buying," according to the it's cheaper."

organiser James West. It is also a way to cut the cost of exhibiting in art galleries. and with it the price of such paintings by about 50 per cent.

He said: "It's of benefit to the artists because it makes their art much more acces sible and more likely to sell in volume. It is also of benefit to the customer because

Mr West stole the idea from Barcelona, where art supermarkets have existed for the last decade, and several artists on show are

Passers-by said they were impressed by the idea. "It's nice to flick through." said Debbie Garton, who works for Disney. "It's not so pre-cious as a gallery. It's nice to search and feel you have

found your own thing." Her colleague Brian Daly said:

People love to look through bins. It's especially important in the world of collecting."

Jo Rimmer, who is retired, said he was tempted to buy. "It's a marvellous idea. It makes art so much more accesible, as you are not cornered by a

# **Ministers** split over cattle cull

Ewen MacAskili, Chief Political Correspondent

SPLIT between Cabinet ministers over the handling of the ef crisis has developed on the eve of today's Downing Street meeting to discuss whether to backtrack on the proposed cull. Some ministers are angry

with what is seen as a gung ho approach by the Agricul-ture Minister, Douglas Hogg, in this week's negotiations in Europe. They argue he should have been trying to secure agreement on ending the BSE export ban, rather than harging around seeking

Mr Hogg who is seeking to abandon the selective cull of 125,000 cattle, won a little breathing space when the European Commission yes-terday agreed to look at new evidence from Oxford scientists that BSE will die out naturally in five years and the cull does not have to be as extensive as planned.
The Government welcomed

the announcement in Brussels. The previous day the commission had said Britain must adhere to its planned

the concession will not be enough to protect Mr Hogg from the anger of colleagues. The Scottish Secretary, Michael Forsyth, came closest to voicing publicly the extent of the rift when he pressed yesterday for reasoned argument and discussion" with Britain's Euro-

pean partners.

Speaking on BBC Radio
Scotland, he stopped just short of ending the UK-wide approach to the crisis and adopting a regional approach. whereby Scotland, where many of the herds have been

grass-fed and are free from BSE, would go it alone. The Brussels concession to the Downing Street meet-ing, making it harder for Mr Hogg to go ahead with his plan to press ahead with his laterally announcing a reduc-tion in the size of the cull

John Major agreed to the cull at the European summit in Florence before the summer in return for a vague promise from the other Kurn pean countries about lifting the ban.

Speaking before the commission's concession, he said it had been on "shaky scientific ground" in refusing to look at the Oxford findings.

The shadow agriculture minister, Gavin Strang con-trasted the claim by the Prime Minister at the time of the Florence summit that i had been a great success. If John Major is now poised to unilaterally abandon the

Florence agreement in order to pander to the increasingly strident anti-European faction in the Conservative Party, the UK beaf industry will not forgive him." Eating lamb can help pro-tect against the human form of mad cow disease, a scientist working on BSE said

yesterday. Harash Narang, who has been a persistent critic of the Government's treatment of the BSE crisis, told Healthy Eating magazine that sheep could be of benefit to human because they had suffered from scrapie — a milder of form of BSE — for hundreds

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of years.
"I advocate eating lamb, i can act as protection like a vaccine - but not lamb fed on the meal containing bovine protein. As with cows, sheep have contracted BSE from

## £2½m donation to 'best museum in the world'

#### Maev Kennedy on Wallace's windfall

The gift was arranged through Christie's, whose chairman, Lord Hindlip, yes-terday described the collection as "the best museum in the world".

Yesterday, as usual on weekdays, the mansion's magnificent galleries, within sight of Oxford Street, were almost deserted despite displaying works by Titian, Rembrandt, Rubens, Velazquez, and an 18th-century French collection regarded as the world's finest

The project to celebrate the

N anonymous donor has given the Wallace Collection in London £2.5 glassed in courtyard, and to million towards a £10 million | convert the rabbit warren

study spaces.
The usual suspect for such spectacular art donations. John Paul Getty II, seems to be ruled this time. The donor, described as "a very old friend and client of Chris-tie's," approached Lord Hindlip three months ago and said he wanted to give a large donation to a worthy cause

Lord Hindlip steered him towards the Wallace, his favourite museum, and the collection where he formed the love of art which led him and kitchens would add to the

most spectacular works were most spectacular works were bought through Christie's by the third and fourth Marquesses of Hertford, and Sir Richard Wallace, the illegitimate son of the fourth.

The gift would be lost if a lottery grant bid for £7.5 million fails, but Lord Hindlipsaid be regarded that as "al-

said he regarded that as "al-most inconceivable".

The house in Manchester Square, behind Selfridges, was bequeathed to the nation with its contents in 1897 by the French widow of Sir Richard Wallace. Its contents include collections of Old Masters, Louis XV furniture for Versailles, Sèvres porcelain, and armour.

Although admission is free. it attracts only some 160,000 and make its sumptious gal-leries better known. porary exhibition, lecture and visitors a year, but director Ros Savill hopes to increase that to 250,000 at least - and to become the world's only museum director to put their entire collection on display. The new spaces designed by

Rick Mather include a glass roof over the present rather gloomy courtyard, which would become a café and sculpture garden, rented out for functions at night. Underground a new space would be excavated, and converting the clutter of store rooms, vaults to his present job.

Many of the collection's third.



Wallace Collection director Ros Savill in the museum's sumptuous surroundings

# Minister rejects university tuition fees

#### Government funding to continue of tuition were vetoed by the Prime Minister when they were floated in Whitehall. 'without any change of structure'

John Carvel Education Editor

HE Government appeared yesterday to rule out the imposition of tuition fees on undergraduates when ministers rejected proposals from the university vice-chancellors for students to take out loans worth government. "I do not expect £20,000 to cover the costs of any change in that kind of £20,000 to cover the costs of their higher education. Gillian Shephard, the Edu-

cation and Employment Sec-retary, broke the official

AHITHERTO unknown

isters emerged last night in the shape of "Old Stripey", a

blue and pink striped varia-

tion on the familiar red min-isterial dispatch box which

contains the "juicy stuff" about intelligence and politi-

The disclosure was made by

Lord Armstrong, the former

cabinet secretary immortalised by his admission that he

had been "economical with the truth" during the 1988

Spycatcher trial in Australia

We had a special box for

particularly sensitive papers which was of a different

Michael White Political Editor

silence on the future of university funding after student leaders protested at the plans being discussed by the Com-mittee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals at their annual conference in Sheffield.

She indicated that tuition fees for full-time higher education would continue to be funded directly by central structure

It is understood that pro-

PM's multi-coloured gossip box opened at last

stripe in my days, and it was known as 'Old Stripey'. And it would contain not just intelli-

gence, but other highly confi-

dential and personal stuff," he told the BBC documentary

Asked if Old Stripey was

the box prime ministers would read first, Lady Thatcher's former right-hand man replied: "Quite often it was because it tended to have the cost of initial chaff in it."

the sort of juicy stuff in it." Last night Downing Street

confirmed the existence of the box but categorically denied that it had ever been called

It is not the only vignette in

How to Be Prime Minister,

Mr Cockerell's latest foray

Old Stripey.

which was of a different into politics, to be shown on colour from the main red BBC2 on Sunday. Lord Calla-

maker. Michael Cockerell.

He insisted that free access

to university was one of the essential ladders of opportu-nity in a classless society. The Government had previ-ously avoided commenting on reform of university funding, preferring to delegate the problem to a committee of inquiry under Sir Ron Dearing, who is due to report next summer after the general

Mrs Shephard's comments followed disclosure in the Guardian on Tuesday of a draft CVCP submission to the posals to make undergradu- committee on the steps ates contribute towards costs needed to stop university un-

ghan reveals that, such is the "lonely task" of being prime minister, he would sometimes

discuss personal matters -

including relations with cabi-

net colleagues — only with the Queen.

very interested in that kind of

relationship and one could unburden oneself to her. I don't think I'm betraying any

confidences when I say I think there were occasions

when she could talk to me

about her personal issues." the former Labour prime

Lord Callaghan's contribu-

tion contains a veiled warn-

ing for Tony Blair in the ad-

mission that prime ministers without experience of White-

hall ministries didn't "know

minister said.

"The Queen was always

derfunding growing to £6 | costs. We will be putting our billion by 2005.

The main proposal was a new system of long-term student loans to cover maintenance and tuition fees rising to £2,400 a year, repayable through a 3 per cent supplementary rate of national

The CVCP document envis-aged loans worth £20,625 three-year degree course. Mrs Shephard said: "Exist ing government policy is that tuition fees are paid and stu-dents are given support in respect of grants and loans the most generous in the

countries — for their living

Rebecca Smithers

**Political Correspondent** 

OY Thomason, the Con-servative MP plunged

into debt by the collapse of

his business empire, last night averted deselection by

announcing his plans to step

down at the general election.

Mr Thomason, who won Bromsgrove with a majority of 13.702 in the 1992 election. revealed his decision just

hours before his constituency

association was due to vote

on a recommendation from

its executive that it begin

The 51-year-old solicitor

seeking another candidate.

industrialised

**Debt-ridden Tory MP stands** 

down to avert deselection

wrote to the constituency to announce he did not chairman. Saily Cooper, to fight the next election.

western

proposals to Dearing, but I do not expect any change in that kind of structure.

Douglas Trainer, president of the National Union of Stu-dents, said after meeting senior vice-chancellors that the CVCP looked likely to back down when they decide on the new funding policy in

Sheffield today.
The CVCP cast doubt on
Mrs Shephard's response to the vice-chancellors' proposals. A spokesman said: "Fur-ther expansion of higher edu-cation with quality cannot be achieved by government sub-sidy alone. The status quo is unsustainable, precisely because it denies opportunity."

claiming that pressure on his family was a factor in his de-

cision not to stand again. He accepted his party was

"divided" over his candidacy.
The former leader of

Bournemouth council built

up a property empire and a nursing home business. Both became overstretched, leav-

ing him with debts said to exceed £6 million. The banks

saved him from hankruptcy
— which would have forced

him to stand down, leaving John Major to cope with mi-

Peter Snape, chairman of the West Midlands group of Labour MPs, noted Mr Tho-mason was the 60th Tory MP

to announce he did not plan

nority government.

Terry O'Neill. The winners will be announced during the NUS student media conference in London on October 26.

Guardian/NUS

STUDENT papers have rediscovered the art of hard-hitting news reporting.

the judges of the Guardian/ National Union of Students

media awards agreed yester

day when choosing this year's

the most heartening change

since last year was the ad-vance in news coverage on

subjects of direct relevance to

student readers, including tuition fees, book shortages and quality of teaching, said

the judges, who included Di-ana Madill, Radio 5 Live pre-

senter. Rosie Boycott, editor

of Esquire, and photographer

award judges

find harder

news edge

shortlist

dent media conterence in London on October 26.

The shortlists are:

Stadest Newspaper of the Year: Brig (University of Suring); The Courser (Newcastle University); Gair Rhydd (Cardif University); Huffire (Hull University); Leeds Student (Leeds Metropolitan University); London Student (University); London Student (University); Mancanan (Manchester University; Spark (Reading University); Stadent Bassadine of the Year: Bacchus (University) of East Angliet; Deuce (University); Spark (Reading University); Stadent Bassadine of the Year: Bacchus (University); East London), Gum (Glasgow University); The Pulse (Sussex University); Sm (University) of East London), Gum (Glasgow University); The Pulse (Sussex University); Sm (University); Jame Gill (Oxford University); Simon Jones (Reading University); Laura Peel (Edinburgh University); Laura Peel (Edinburgh University); London University); Stadent Phaetographer of the Year Rob Jenton; Cardiff University; John Norsworthy (University of Leeds Station of the Years Burn FM (University of Edinburgh); Shout FM (Liniversity of Edinburgh); Shout FM (Liniversity); Sadent (Exeler University).

# Strike at care home on place for problem girl

TAFF in a children's bome in Brent, north London, have taken strike action to force the local authority to remove a disturbed and difficult 15-year-like interest to the local strike action to force the local authority to remove a disturbed and difficult 15-year-like said there would be a walk-said there walk

with kidnapping and abduct-ing a social worker at knifepoint and stealing £100. should have been sent to a secure unit while she waits for her case to be heard in court. Brent's social services director, Mike Boyle, said yester day, however, that they had tried for weeks to get her a bed, but all three units in London were full.

The dispute blew up at the end of last week. The girl had been placed in the children's

home temporarily. "The girl has been rejected constantly, by everyone around her," Mr Boyle said. "She is very badly damaged. This girl is in pain and at times has what can only be described as explosions of rage." On her birthday last Wednesday, she howled, threw things and cut herself, although she did not assault

anybody, he added. Extra carers had been deployed in the home and new

were three or four children in the home, which is staffed for 10, and at one stage five addi-The girl, who was remanded into the custody of the local authority change in the local authority

cil's undertakings, the state walked out on Friday night. and were replaced by agency. workers. The girl was moved to a children's home in au-other borough the following morning.

Brian Butterworth, branch secretary of Unison, said staff went on strike because they did not feel they had been given sufficient assurances that the problem would be handled properly. "I think it's for the best that we forced the

While Mr Boyle condemned the action, which could have left the other children in the home to fend for themselves he says management feels "a degree of sympathy and understanding". The real problem was the shortage of secure beds.

A spokeswoman for the Department of Health said: There is an expansion problem going on. There will be an additional 170 places by the middle of next year. It is something we are aware of admissions were stopped something we are awan while she was there. There and we are taking action."

#### Serious staffing shortfalls 'are fuelled by scandals'

David Brindle, Social Services Correspondent

ALMOST one in 10 of chil-dren's homes has no manager, and fewer than 30 per cent of their staff have any relevant qualification, official figures showed yesterday.

Fewer than 9 per cent of staff are studying for a qualification, the figures indicate. The proportion doing so has fallen despite government in-tentions to improve skills. The figures come amid concern at the emergence of a growing number of past scan-dals in children's homes. Brian Waller, who chairs

the children and families committee of the Association of Directors of Social Services, said it was "quite disgraceful" that so little was being achieved to improve the calibre of staff in the homes.

The figures have been produced as part of the annual social services workforce survey. They show that vacancies for managers rose from 7.5 per cent in 1994 to 9.3 per cent in 1995 — the first in-crease since the surveys started in 1992.

Vacancies for child care

staff in homes did fall, from 8.9 per cent to 7.9 per cent However, the proportion of staff with a relevant qualification was only 28.7 per cent (23.8 per cent in 1994) and the proportion of all staff studying for a qualification dropped from 9.2 per cent to

8.9 per cent. Improving training and qualifications was one of the main recommendations of the Warner inquiry in 1992, following a scandal in homes in Leicestershire.

Mr Waller, who is social services director of Leicestershire, said social workers were no doubt deterred from seeking home manager and deputy posts by the relentless.

negative publicity about the "For the last few weeks. there hasn't been a day when there has not been some kind of problem in the papers. It's bound to have an impact on

areer aspirations." The nature of the job was also getting more difficult, Mr Waller said. Although there were only some 1,000 homes left open, they were accommo-dating the most challenging children who were hard to place in foster care.

Winston Churchill spoke passionately in Switzerland about the need for a "United States of Europe". Last night the Foreign Secretary, Malcolm Rifkind, speaking in the same hall in Zurich. gave Churchill's theme a sceptical gloss which pointed up divisions in the Government and Conservative Party over European integration. While he was parading his doubts, Jacques Santer, president of the European Commission, was insisting that the euro must come into being in 1999, in spite of German doubts and the difficulties some countries may have in meeting the economic criteria. At the same time, a UN report warned a single currency would bring soaring unemployment. Guardian staff report on the latest conflicts and contradictions over



Yet all the while there is a remedy which, if . . . adopted by the great majority of people in many lands, would as by a miracle transform the whole scene and would in a few years make all Europe, or the greater part of it, as free and happy as Switzerland is today. What is this sovereign remedy? It is to recreate the European fabric, or as much of it as we can, and to provide it with a structure under which it can dwell in peace, safety and freedom. We must build a kind of United States of Europe. - Winston Churchill, September 19, 1946

We did not follow exactly Churchill's call for a United States of Europe. Nor is it the case that Churchill expected or wanted Britain to be part of such a United States . . . he referred to Britain, the US and the Soviet Union being 'the friends and sponsors of the new Europe', a role quite different from that proposed for France and Germany. - Malcolm Rifland,



on January 1, 1999, he said.

# Rifkind echoes sceptics' warnings

## 'EU should not be political laboratory'

Ewen MacAskill, Chief

HE Foreign Secre-tary, Malcolm Rifkind reinforced his claim to be a contender for the when he delivered his most Euro-sceptical speech yet, say-

divide the European Union. Mr Rifkind, speaking in Zurich to mark Winston Churchill's speech 50 years ago calling for a United States of Europe, said that almost all the 12 countries would be unable to meet the convergence criteria for a single currency

The speech provoked a hos-tile reaction from other Euro-

president of the European Commission, Jacques Santer, who insisted a single curency was inevitable.

It also angered pro-European Tory MPs, who have watched Mr Rifkind move from being in sympathy with their approach to a careful neutrality, and then mildly Euro-sceptical on becoming Defence Secretary, On becom-ing Foreign Secretary last year, Mr Rifkind, with one eye on the post-general elec-tion leadership contest, ac-

Euro-scepticism in the party by adopting a strongly Euro-

sition to closer European union: "I reject too the ratchet of unending institu-tional integration that is a decade behind the reality of a

competitive, decentralised

world. We cannot treat the EU

as an experiment in a sanitised political laboratory." Recalling Churchill's speech, he said: "Fifty years ago, Churchill came to Zurich to speak about the tragedy of Europe, Today I want to speak of Europe's recovery, the record of 50 years, and of

the daunting new challenges that we now face.
"We did not follow exactly Churchill's call for a United States of Europe. Nor is it the case that Churchill expected or wanted Britain to be part of such a United States, if it knowledged the dominance of

"In the final paragraph of The shadow foreign secretary, Robin Cook, in a speech today will say that Britain faces important foreign policy choices over the next five sors of the new Europe', a role online different from that proean leaders, including the years and the Conservatives quite different from that pro-

partnership between France and Germany and Mr Rifkind said that had proved correct for peace in Europe. "Don't believe what you read in some British papers: people in Britain admire what Ger-many has achieved. Friendship between Britain and Germany is as much a part of being remote from fundamen | mism on a single currency: | see other countries join. "The | Hugo Young, page 9

But there had been in recent years a sense of disilluionment with the EU. "This disillusionment runs deeper than a resurgence of insularity or of blinkered nationalism. There is a more profound reason. It is a sense of alienation that people have, of

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moves by other European countries for an expansion of qualified majority voting on foreign and defence issues. That would not have pre-vented tragedies such as

Mr Santer attempted to ain's chronic criticism of counter Mr Rifkind's pessi- Brussels and its eagerness to

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# Santer brushes aside

Stephen Bates in Strasbourg and Alex Dural Smith in Paris

■HE President of the Jacques Santer, yester-

Despite growing concerns about the social and economic costs of a single currency, Mr Santer was bullish as he addressed the Strasbourg

history of European integra-tion, indeed in the history of

He said the single currency

tary policy that is geared to the needs of the European economy and finally to establish its place on world financial markets".

Mr Santer's remarks were the more pointed for coming immediately after Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, had warned in Zurich that the single currency could divide Europe and destroy the vision of the European Union's founding fathers. Mr Santer was backed by

John Bruton, the Irish prime minister, speaking in the debate as the current president of the Council of Ministers. He said: "Economic and monetary union must commence Europe itself," he said. on time and in line with treaty requirements . . . the happen ... It will come into EMU convergence criteria do no more than set out a sen-sible path for budgetary policy to which every member state should aspire in any event."

Elsewhere in the debate, however, there was criticism market and secure a lasting. of the EU for not meeting the supports the economy

stable basis for its competi- aspirations of its citizens. tiveness to develop a mone- Klaus Haensch, the president of the parliament, said: "More and more people associate the EU with social breakdown and the destruction of jobs. We must link it again with the creation of jobs and social

progress. The success of mon-etary union depends on this." In France — which, with Germany, is driving the monetary union project — the government's unveiling of its 1997 budget yesterday left economists sceptical that Euro-enthusiasm alone could restart the economy and reduce the country's 12.5 per cent unemployment rate.

Critics said the plan by the prime minister, Alain Juppe to cut France's budget deficit to the 3 per cent of gdp required under Maastricht single currency criteria con-tained a large share of accounting wheezes. But the many restated their determination to merge their currencies. Mr Juppe insisted he had produced "a budget that

# **Britain's euro doubts**

European Commission, ervations about the planned single currency, insisting that the euro would come into being on January 1, 1999, and nothing could stop it.

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being on January 1, 1999, and a substantial number of member states will be part of it

from the outset." was "of paramount impor-tance to round off the internal

### Single currency 'will push up jobless total'

Sarah Ryle

UNEMPLOYMENT levels in Europe will soar after the single currency is introduced in 1999 and economic growth rates will plummet to zero, the trade and develop-ment arm of the United

Nations said last night.

The drive to meet the Maastricht criteria on inflation and government debt levels will severely damage growth rates and increase the rate of European unemployment to 15 per cent, according to the senior economist of UNCTAD.

Yilmuz Akytiz warned that ( current European Monetary Union targets were stifling growth and called for an end to the "obsession" with low inflation, urging a total rethink of monetary policy on a scale last seen in the early 1980s. He said: "Unemploy-ment should be at the top of the agenda, and growth tar-gets should be raised in order

to get investment going."
Dr Akyüz said the UK

World output EU (1) Japan

According to UNCTAD's snnual trade and development report, published last night, growth in the European Union is already on course to fall to 1.3 per cent this year, the second annual decline in a row compared to continuing improvements in growth in Japan and a return to expansion in the US.

Italy and the UK have seen greater expansion than their EU partners since they fell out of the Exchange Rate Mechanism, and Dr Akyûz said this illustrated the role of flexible exchange rates in stimulating growth. He said that Britain would continue to benefit from being able to set its own rates, but warned that members of a single currency might bagin to operate a "beggar my neighbour" polcy to counter this.
UNCTAD warned that with

ability to use exchange rates to stimulate growth, nations would fall back on trade bar-The report predicted that

sustainable growth, or the

the global economy would ex-pand this year by less than making the recovery since 1993 after world recession one of the weakest on record.



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# **Bosnia team** braced for uphill fight

Julian Borger in Sarajevo

NTERNATIONAL mediators yesterday began the arduous task of building a new Bosnian government confirmed the political control of nationalists over the country's Muslim. Serb and Croat communities.

Diplomats who attended meetings with the newly elected leaders yesterday said that, although there was no talk of secession, there was also no progress on setting up

Unofficial results from Sat-urday's elections for a new tripartite presidency con-firmed that the three nationalist leaders had crushed moderate challengers within their own communities.

Of the three, the Muslim leader and presidential incumbent, Alija Izetbegovic. narrowly won most votes. Once the results are certified he will become chairman of the presidency, and the coun-iry's post-war head of state. The other two members of

the presidency will be Mon-cilo Krajisnik, a Bosnian Serb separatist leader, and Kresi-mir Zubak, a leading Bosnian

Mr Izetbegovic was visited in Sarajevo yesterday by Carl Bildt, the international community's High Representative in Bosnia, and diplomats from the Contact Group of the United States, Britain. France, Germany and Russia to discuss power-sharing institutions.

They then travelled to the

Serb separatist stronghold of Pale to meet Mr Krajisnik. They are due to see Mr Zubak

FTER 15 years of legal

battles, a Bordeaux court has decided that

Maurice Papon, a former offi-

cial of the wartime Vichy

regime, must stand trial in an

crimes against humanity.

ssize court on charges of

Mr Papon, aged 86, a minis-

ter in the 1976 rightwing gov-

ernment, was in charge of Jewish affairs in the Bor-

deaux region from 1942 to

1944 and has been accused of arranging the deportation of

1,690 Jews to Nazi death

camps in 10 trains. He will be

the second Vichy official to

stand trial for crimes against

humanity following the life

imprisonment of the Lyon Mi-

lice chief, Paul Touvier, in

went into hiding for nearly

50 years before being ar-

rested. But Mr Papon, who

never had to explain his col-

laboration with the Nazis, be-

1994. He died in prison.

Key Vichy official

must stand trial

this morning.

After meeting Mr Krajis-nik, Mr Bildt had no progress

Mr Bildt was trying to orga-nise a preliminary meeting of sidency in Sarajevo to discuss new power-sharing ethnic national assembly, a council of ministers and central bank, and a "quick-start" package of legislation for the new state.

Mr Bildt and the Contact

Group's first job was to find an acceptable venue for presi dential meetings. Mr Krajisnik, the diplomats

said, refused to contemplate meeting in central Sarajevo, which is in Muslim-Croat Federation territory.

Instead, he suggested sites on the former front line, which in most places now marks the ethnic boundary between the federation and the Republika Srpska.

The quarrel over venues will be only the first of hundreds of tough negotiating sessions ahead. All three are known as hard bargainers. All can now claim demo-cratic mandates: Mr Krajis-

nik won 67 per cent of the vote in Republika Srpska: Mr Izetbegovic more than 80 per cent of the Muslim vote; and Mr Zubak 68 per cent of the Croat vote. A meeting between Mr Kra-

iisnik and Mr Zubak is ex pected in the next few days to prepare the ground for a full meeting of the presidency.

David Fairhall in Sarajevo

adds: The German defence minister, Volker Rühe, yes-terday reaffirmed his determination that his soldiers play a more active role in whatever military presence replaces the Nato-led peace implementation force in Bos nia after December.

force, Germany will be part of it," he said during a tour of British and German units in

war Gaullist Party. He was decorated as Paris police

The court's ruling yester-day marks an end to obstruc-tion of trials of Vichy officials

for complicity in Nazi anti-se-

mitic persecution. The late president, Francis Mitter-

the court decision. The judges

decided that Mr Papon should

face 10 charges — six more than asked for by the state

prosecutor in commital pro-

operation.



# Poland hails Nato invasion

The glittering prize in the historic struggle between East and West has welcomed its former enemy, writes lan Traynor in Drawska

grins, arette, and rubs his eyes in disbelief at the first ever sighting of Challenger battle tanks roaring across the plains of

The Polish signals officer can barely contain his glee. The Desert Rats, the British army's renowned Seventh Ar-moured Brigade, has invaded this vast military playground embracing 150 square miles of oog, river, forest and heath. For Capt Nowak, aged 31, after 12 years in the Polish

army it is a moment to relish. rand, a Vichy civil servant at the height of the deportations, opposed the public examina-"This is the real beginning of our joining Nato. We've sion be changed. Europe has simply thanged. Before, the Russians tunity. tion of Vichy guilt, but last year President Jacques Chirac described the actions ordered us around, but now of Philippe Pétain's regime as the Warsaw Pact is finished. Mr Papon intends to appeal great that the British are to the constitutional council here.

but his ill health may prevent For three weeks, the Deser a trial anyway. He has just Rats, under the command of Brigadier David Montgomrecovered from a heart ery, a 44-year-old distant rela-His lawyer, Jean-Marc Vartive of the famous second aut, said the former minister, who was forced to resign in world war field-marshal, have been going through their paces in an initiative that Touvier, who was accused of murdering Jewish hostages. was a minor figure who said he was disappointed at graphically reflects Europe's new strategic reality.

"This speaks volumes about the new Europe." said Nicholas Soames, the armed services minister. "For the Seventh Brigade to be here in a former Warsaw Pact train- | in the West, the door is finally | Nato for five years and we | Prussia in the 18th century to

APTAIN Jacek | ing area shows the enormous change in the strategic environment seven years after the [Berlin] wall fell." About 3,500 British service-

men in 1,150 vehicles — 350 of them armoured — have been transported here from their German bases. It is the bigforces into former Warsay Pact territory.

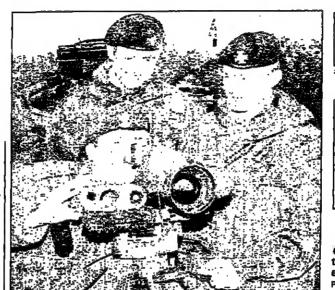
"This is a very rare oppor tunity to train as a full brigade," said Brig Montgom ery. "This exercise area is bigger than anything available to the British army in Europe, bigger than Salisbury

For the British, Nato expanhas simply a great training oppor-issians tunity. For the Poles, how-summit will announce who ever, the ulterior motives are writ large.

"This should help us very much to join Nato," said Major Slawomir Zarski, the military chaplain for the district.

Maj Zarski is testimony to the dramatic changes of the past few years. In deeply Catholic Poland, army chaplains were banned under the communists. He has been a military chaplain for four years. "Even if Nato says no to Poland, we'll just keep asking, keep knocking on the

After years of equivocation and agonised hand-wringing



opening. Nato is apparently about to give a qualified yes to the Poles, the Czechs and the Hungarians.

The United States secretary For the British, Nato expan-sion be damned: Drawska is said last week that in the first summit will announce who will be included in expansion to the east and when it will

Is this an historic mistake that will again divide the continent and trigger a fresh era of confrontation with Russia? Or is it the necessary response to the security dilemmas thrown up by the end of the cold war?

Seen from Drawska and Warsaw, there is no debate. "I don't even want to think of Nato saying no to Poland." national security advisor to Poland's president, Aleksandr than 200 years. Kwasniewski. "We've had the From Cather

want to be an ordinary member with ordinary rights and ordinary obligations. That sentiment is shared by

more than four out of five Poles. Warsaw opinion polls have shown 83 per cent support for Nato Two-thirds of people believe that Russian objections to Polish membership have little to do with Moscow's security fears, and more to do with Russia's habit of dominating Poland. Half of respondents fear that East and West. Russia and Nato. will settle

Poland's fate behind the backs of the Poles. History has seared such suspicions into the national psyche. Traditionally, Poland has been the prize in the said Jerzy Milewski, the battle between East and West that has continued for more

From Catherine the Great strategic ambition to join of Russia and Frederick of CZECH REPUBLIC

SLOVAKIA

 Left: Polish and British troops monitor the exercises jointly

Adolf Hitler and Josef Stalin in the 30th, Poland has been the prey of neighbouring despots. After three partitions up until 1795, the country was rubbed off the European map for 123 years, devoured by the Russians, Germans and Austrians. The very name,

Poland, was abolished in 1797. The name and country were reborn in 1918, but history repeated itself with the Nazi-Soviet pact partitioning Poland in 1939 and Viacheslav Molotov, the Soviet foreign minister, declaring that it had "ceased to exist". After 1945. there followed 44 years of

subjection to the Kremlin. That wretched history can also be seen in the Drawska proving area. Until a few years ago, the vast expanse was a Red Army stomping ground.

A year after Hitler gained

invaded Poland five years

When it comes to Nato's expansion, it is Poland, not Hungary nor the Czech Republic, that is the prize By far the biggest of the prospec-tive new members with an army of 230,000, Poland is the strategic key to central Europe, the real focus of Russian resistance to Nato's

eastward march. In 1989, Poland had three neighbours — the Soviet Union, communist East Germany, and Czechoslovakia. None of them now exist and seven years later, Poland has seven neighbours - one measure of the dramatic regional changes that heighten the country's sense of uncer-

tainty and insecurity. It is emerging that the price of Nato membership is that the Poles will have to forego Nato nuclear deployments and the stationing of foreign troops to assuace Russian and Ukrainian protests.

The Ukrainian position is well-known and we all respect it." said Mr Soames.

Mr Milewski agrees that issue. Maybe there is no need for any nuclear weapons in Europe." He added: "If the right to move foreign troops here, we will not decline that.

Desert Rats come bounding ashore, guns ablaze, from below the waters of the River Drawa and Brig Montgomery deploys his Challengers, War-riors, and Scimitars, one sceptical Polish observer sighs: "Oh, yes, it's great the Brits are here. It's great Nato is here. Just a pity they're about half a century late. Why power in 1933, the Führer's about half a century late. Why Wehrmacht conducted its wargames on the site. It in 1939?"

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REPORT into the composition of households by the European the European Union's statistical arm shows a contrast between countries in northern and outhern Europe. Of the entire EU popula-tion, around 10 per cent of people now live alone. But

4 per cent in Spain.
Although most lone-per-

son households consist of young people in northern young people in northern Europe, most individuals living alone in southern Europe and in Ireland are elderly. On the other hand, nearly a fifth of the population in Greece. Spain and Portugal live in multigenerational households

generational households that include grandparents.
On average 90 per cent of couples who live together in the EU are matried, a figure which rises close to 100 per cent in Mediterrance countries. But once nean countries. But once again Denmark stands out with only 76 per cent of

# EU family split on life choices

John Palmer in Brussels

this figure rises sharply in in Denmark where 22 per cent of households consist of lone individuals. It falls to 7.5 per cent in Italy, 6.7 per cent in Greece and

couples being married.

The trend away from

marriage is seen in sharper perspective when the figures for young people are analysed. On average lence, drawing protests.

28 per cent of EU citizens under 30 cohabit out of wedlock. But 70 per cent of young Danes cohabit out of wedlock, a figure which falls to less than 10 per cent in Greece and Italy.

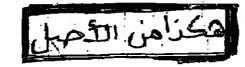
Ireland, where more than half of all households consist of five or more, is the EU member state with the largest families. In the EU-less than 7 per cent of individuals live in households with three or more chil-dren, but this figure rises

to 17 per cent in Ireland. Ireland is second only to Britain with the highest proportion (8.7 per cent) of single parent households. Germany, with only 2.5 per cent, is the EU country with fewest single parent households.

The report concludes that in Mediterranean countries and in Ireland children tend to stay with parents until starting their own families. usually after marriage. "In the north, the transition from parental home to forming a new family is less straightforward, marked by

spells of living alone and in unmarried couples."

Italy's highest appeal court ruled yesterday that a Sicilian man who beat his wife "occasionally" should not have been sentenced to eight months in jail. The Court of Cassation said the occasional beatings did not amount to domestic vio-



# Censorship tightens on **Iran writers**

Kathy Evans

RANIAN intellectuals and writers say they are facing a concerted campaign by the security services aimed at further curbing press and literary

In recent weeks, two editors have been ordered to court, five publications suspended and the Writers' Federation banned from meeting. Intellectuals link what they see as a campaign against them with the rise of the conservatives in parliament in the closing months of Hashemi Rafsan-

The president is due to step down next spring, after two terms in office, unless constinational changes clear the way for a third term. Until now, writers and liberals have viewed Mr Rafsanjani as most powerful

protector.
Censorship is said to have been tightened recently, and Iranian writers say the desire to preserve Islamic ideals against Western cultural in-fluences has led the ministry of Islamic guidance to ban hundreds of books.

Story lines are rejected be-cause they are too romantic, or portray women other than as wives, daughters or moth-ers. No novels or literary works are being licensed for publication at present, say publishing sources in Tehran. In a recent interview with

Vasion

the BBC Persian Service, the Iranian Writers' Federation president, Houshang Golshirl, said censorship had be-come so severe that novels almost inevitably ended up in the bottom drawers of their

In this country, you could not write a sentence like 'I left my house to buy some cigarettes and on the way I saw a beautiful woman'. That is the begining of a story. Here, you could only write that you left your house to buy cigarettes,"

Mr Golshiri said. Iranian television recently began broadcasting a weekly nme called Our Cul-

dents and monarchists abroad, cutting to profiles of prominent novelists, poets and newspaper proprietors at home, implying that the two groups were connected.

Security officials last week raided a meeting of the Iranian Writers' Federation in a private bome. Mr Golshiri was taken away for questioning and now faces charges of ing and now faces charges of spying for a foreign power. Farraj Sarkohi, the editor of Iran's leading literary maga-zine, Ardeneh, was also taken for questioning, and his mag-

The raid followed a similar incident in Tehran last month when security men entered the home of the German cul-tural attaché, who had invited a number of leading writers to a private dinner party.

Iranian writers say they

are seeking only to have their books published and their organisation has no political ambitions. "The meetings we were having were aimed at drawing up a charter for the Writers' Federation to demand freedom of expression and publication. The authorities told us that we were forbidden to meet again," a fed-eration official said. Last month, the deputy pub-

lic prosecutor for Tehran announced that Reza Tehrani, editor of Keyan magazine, would be tried on charges yet to be specified, the New York organisation Human Rights Watch reported. Keyan magazine plays a key role in the debate among religious and intellectual circles on the role of Islam in political life. It is the only magazine which pub-lishes articles by Professor Abdul Karim Saroush, the controversial Tehran university lecturer who argues that religion is a private matter.

About six weeks ago another editor, Abbas Maroufi, fled to Germany. He had been sentenced to six months' imprisonment and 25 lashes by a press court for "publishing ies" and "insulting the leader of the Islamic Republic". His magazine, Gardoun, was suspended for editorials compartural Identity. It showed ing the current regime to that meetings of Iranian dissi- of the late Shah.



## Dole abandons his fate to the whims of pollsters

**US** election

Opinion polls now dictate the main Republican themes. Martin Walker

continues his series on the presidential

campaign by looking

American politics that the initiative on issues rests with the challenger who attacks, rather than the in-cumbent who defends.

This year, the Republican challenger Bob Dole began by saying the issue was charac-ter. Then it became a 15 per cent across-the-board income tax cut. Then it became teenage drug use. This week, he has redefined his campaign: "This is about crime, this is about punishment."

Mr Dole's flailings are in sharp contrast to Bill Clin-ton's successful 1992 message "The Economy, Stupid" at issues as weapons and his simple promise of "Change".

buoyant, is still Mr Clinton's most potent issue. But his subsidiary themes of education, health care, welfare and health reform match to an

uncanny degree the main con-cerns of the "issues polling" conducted by his campaign, and echoed in independent

Significantly, the main themes pushed by Mr Dole also conform closely to the concerns expressed in the polling data. He is hammering away at crime, drugs and immigration, rather than stressing the tax cut that was supposed to be the magic bullet of his campaign. Taxation, as an issue, comes well down the list of polling concerns,

with only 48 per cent of res-pondents to the Washington Post's poll saying this con-cerned them "a great deal". All this makes for an unusual election. It is introspective, with foreign policy and the defence budget harely making a dent among voters. despite the simmering con-flict with Iraq. It is only moderately concerned with the economy, taxes and the bud-get deficit, issues which have dominated every presidential

election campaign for the past The issues of 1996 reflect an

upon itself; to the concerns of the home, family and community: to the fears of ill health and drugs; to the prospects for education; and to the dangers of violent streets.

The politics are more intimate, more personal, and less bothered by the old debate over hig and intrusive gov-ernment and whether it does more harm than good.

Particular themes resonate in each region. Californians usually place illegal immigration among their top three concerns, and their state gov-ernment is battling with the

Top six concerns Are you very concerned by: Education system getting worse Crime increasing AIDS spreading

College becoming too expensive The welfare system **Bottom six concerns** 

Are you very concerned by: Too much religion Whitewater

Too much detence spending 4. Term limits for Congressmen
5. Ross Perol "messing up" election
6. Losing America's "melting pot" charm Term limits for Congressmen

The economy, currently | America that has turned in | health care and schooling to | issues which currently conthe children of illegal immierants. edged swords.

California is just climbing out of a deep and localise recession, brought about by the decline in defence spending. Last year unemployment in the state was two percentage points higher than the national average.

By contrast, today's booming Texas barely rates immigration as an issue, although the anti-immigrant movement was born in the state during the recession of the 1980s

For both the Dole and Clincourts over its right to deny | ton campaigns, some of the

resignations among the ap-

peal judges.

If Judge Mahomed does become the new head of the

appeal court, which sits in

ange Free State, there will be a sweet irony. As the first black silk at

the South African bar, he suffered discrimination.

Excluded from renting chambers in Johannesburg under the Group Areas Act

pollsters about the importance to them of a tax cut. Britain's Tories have long understood George Bush in 1993 to stress Trust and Taxes. 61 per cent 56 per cent Mr Dole began fighting on iust those two themes, until the pollsters reported they

were not working with the voters. He then broadened his

campaign to drugs, crime, immigration and the crisis". By acting on the opinion

Mr Clinton may rate low on

trust and on moral values, but

he and his wife Hillary battled on to save a troubled

marriage and raise a fine daughter. Mr Dole walked out

So the candidates are stuck

with the issues pollsters report as most compelling to

voters. This may yet prove the most misleading election

Voters often lie to polisters:

about 10 per cent more say they will vote for a black can-

didate than actually do so in

the polling booth.

Voters also tend to mislead

on his first wife.

guide of all.

15 per cent polls, he may have abandoned the single, coherent message which could have done him

area, he was forced to bor-

row desk-space from col-leagues while they were in courtso that he could meet

He also had difficulties when visiting Bloemfontein to argue before the appellate division: he was forced

to flee across the provincial

border before dusk to com-

ply with a ban on Indians

staying overnight in the Or-ange Free State.

# Judges' trial of strength with Mandela

David Beresford in Johannesburg

**DAMAGING** dispute Awith racial overtones is raging about who should become South Africa's next chief justice. The contest for the top

post in the country's court system is between an Afri-kaner, backed by the overwhelming majority of judges, and the first black appointee to the supreme court bench, supported by the president, Nelson Mandela. Hennie Van Heerden, the

choice of the judges, is the longest-serving member of the appellate division. By tradition, the appointment to chief justice is based on eniority.

But black lawyers and a

small group of judges cam-paigning for the deputy president of the constitu-tional court, Ismail Ma-homed, have won unex-

homed, have won unex-pected support from Mr Mandela.

Mr Mandela's interven-tion has provoked furious controversy. Constitution-ally, he has the power to make the appointment, sub-ject to cabinet agreement and "consultation" with the judicial services commission. commission. In a reversal of procedure

he has advised the commision that he favours Judge Mahomed. Opposition par ties have accused him of the pre-empting

But if Mr Mandela because the barristers chooses him, there could be building was in a white Seventeen members of the appeal court — the highest division of the country's supreme court — have agreed to submit what amounts to a petition in support of Judge Van Heer-

den. Only one declined to support him. This week a member of the appellate division, Joos Hefer, called on Judge Mahomed to do the "honourable" thing and withdraw. The outgoing chief justice, Michael Corbett, described the outburst as

'improper' The appeal judges also in-vited the provincial divisions of the supreme court to back their candidate, and most are believed to

have done so. Only about a dozen of the 150 supreme court judges are supporting Judge Ma-

Judge Mohamed and Judge Van Heerden are regarded as outstanding ju-rists. Judge Van Heerden is more experienced, but Judge Mohamed is Namibia's chief justice and is credited with having significantly contributed to the formulation of constitutional case law in South

Africa. Black lawyers associations and the dissenting judges argue that Judge Van Heerden is identified with the apartheid era. Thay also say the ap-

pointment of Judge Ma-homed would "send a message to the nation that real change is about to begin".

One thing totally clear from the evidence is that Bishop

Runcie is a heterosexual, who until his marriage led

a happily celibate life. Lord St John of Fawsley

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### Clarke's £20bn gamble

Windfall gains will boost the feelgood factor

retail sales - they were up 4.4 per cent in August compared with a year ago poses the prospect that the economy may expand too fast in the run-up to the election forcing the Chancellor, embarrassingly, to raise interest rates. At the moment this is only a possibility because the economy as a whole has been growing at a very modest 1.8 per cent so there is plenty of slack to be made up. But things could change very fast because this is unlike any previous election in two important respects.

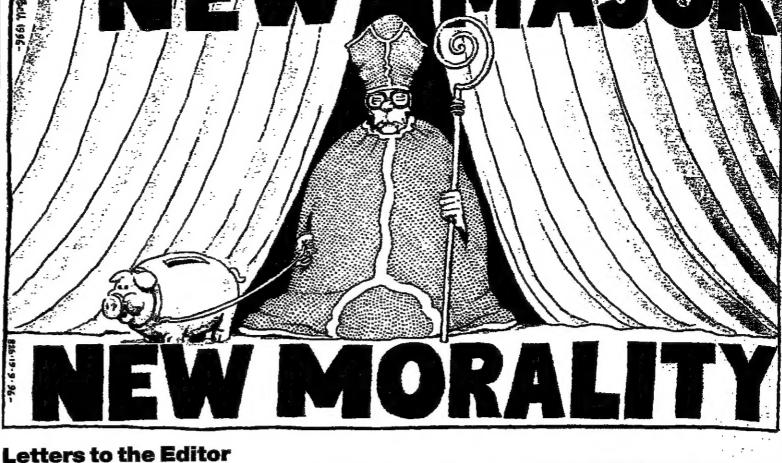
First, in addition to all the goodies the Chancellor has already showered on us - from £4 billion of budget tax cuts and lower interest rates to the spending power arising from maturing tax-free Tessa savings plans — there is a huge overhang of £17 billion to £20 billion in the form of capital accruing to savers as a result of building societies converting to banks. This is very serious money, equivalent to a cut of 10p to 12p in the pound in income tax. It is received wisdom that most people will keep most of it in their savings accounts, but nobody knows, not even the potential recipients themselves. It has never happened before. Even if punters only spend a third of their windfall gains it will provide a huge boost to consumption and to the housing market at a time when the other two engines of growth - investment and exports are showing signs of long-overdue recovery. The biggest of the building society conversions — the Halifax with 10 million members - won't happen until after the election but that won't stop people drawing on their existing deposits in advance especially as the Halifax is allowing them to do so without penalty. If the Conservatives win this election against the odds then the reason may well become known as the

The second way in which this elec-

YESTERDAY'S spurt in the volume of | tion is different is that the Governor of the Bank of England is now allowed to criticise the Government publicly if he thinks the Chancellor is taking the wrong decisions. He already thinks interest rates should go up and if a scenario emerges in which consumption roars ahead threatening to stoke up inflation and snuff out the revival of investment and exports, his objections will become extremely loud. Kenneth Clarke knows this - and the effect it would have on the City. That is why yesterday's minutes of their July 30 meeting (in which the Chancellor reassured the Governor that he was prepared to act pre-emptively if inflationary pressures pick up) can be read as a political insurance policy against

things going wrong.
Will they? The Conservatives believe that the self-interested feelgood factor was an absolutely vital part of their recent run of election victories and practically every economic decision they take is geared to the timing of the election. Remember that during every recent election there has been a sharp rise in real personal disposable income (ie after allowing for taxes and inflation) during the quarter in which the election took place — followed by a fall the following quarter. This time the task is much harder than before because of Labour's stubborn lead in the polls.

What the economy needs like a hole in the head is a repeat of the two excessive booms of the early and late 1980s the consequences of which are still with us today in the form of a diminished manufacturing base and negative equity in the housing market. It is salutary to note that although retail sales volume has increased by 12 per cent since 1990, manufacturing output is up by only 1.8 per cent. But then. who is worrying about the real economy in an election year?



## On Perry's bombshell

EREGRINE Worsthorne sured contradictions: he as- contribution from his armimplies (Why did he serts that during the cold war chair on the right. In 1980 the change his mind?, "none dare call [Mutual As- issue was alive and kicking. mber 14) that, in the cold war, the US president had the final say on whether to launch a nuclear strike on

the Soviet Union. Not so. A nuclear strike could have taken place without any reference to the president. My source for this is Robert McNamara, the former American Secretary of Defence. On the 30th anniver-sary of the Cuban missile crisis, he replied to my ques-tions about the nuclear chain of command as follows: 'American nuclear warheads in 1962 did not contain today's electronic device which prevents a local commander from launching a nuclear missile without an OK from the President. Kennedy recog-nised that, if we invaded Cuba, the Soviets would probably respond in Europe and that in the face of a conventional Soviet attack on Western Europe it was very likely that, rather than be over-run. local US commanders or troops might take it upon themselves to launch their

In 1962 a nuclear armageddon could have been started by a US master sergeant. Phillip Knightley. Northumberland Place,

nuclear warheads."

EREGRINE Worsthorne still seems capable of entertaining mutually as- was content to make a quirky Surrey KT7 0PJ.

British Airways

YOUR story about the BBC and British Airways (BBC axes attack on British Air-

ways, September 16) is dam-

aging, and wrong in material

aspects. John Birt did write to Tony Hall expressing his

doubts about the 1994 News

night report on BA. He did so

simply on the basis of having

since spoken or had any com-

briefest of discussions with

senior BA executives during

and Britpop

sured Destruction] evil", yet later he acknowledges the existence of opposition from groups such as CND. Trivial, perhaps, but an indication of how the establishment consistently refuses to accept that any position but their own could be legitimate. If opinion-formers in retirement can come to see reason, might we not ask whether it is in fact the cabal of "the great and the good" that blinds its members to reality? They convince each other and then lie as necessary to convince the world. Herewith one vote for open democracy. It's an old idea but it hasn't been tried yet.

Pete Shanks. Flat 3. Hazely Manor, Rohais, St Peter Port,

N SPITE of the fact that in 1980 Mr Worsthorne cam down - just - on the side of nuclear weapons, the comments he made about them emed to me, and seem now. to be one of the most effective statements against nuclear weapons I have read.

But why say now that he was wrong in 1980? Had he moved the fraction of an inch and publicly committed himself to opposing nuclear weapons in 1980, he could have been a significant contributor to the debate 49 Speer Road, throughout the 1980s. But he Thames Ditton.

Michael Birtchnell.

WORSTHORNE may or may not be right that Western leaders before Reagan. Thatcher never intended to incinerate the human race

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of command did knowledge of the bluff extend? Not very far. surely, for it would have been necessary for those more junior to believe that they would be required to incinerate the world. What did that do to the moral climate amonest the armed forces and indeed amongst all concerned with nuclear weapons? Norman Smith. 7 The Byeways,

Surbiton, Surrey. ORSTHORNE now admits that blowing up the world with thermo-nuclear

weapons would have been a mistake even if it had had the beneficial effect of ridding the world of communism Converts tend to go to ex-tremes. Next thing you know, he will be regretting the arms race, and be writing an article on the links between military spending and world poverty.

Harry Davis.

It was one great bluff. But how far down the chain The Presbytery, Martin Street

Bishop's Waltham Southampton SO3 1DN.

> I ing on their own tend to be lonely is strange in view of the record number of people (myself included) now voluntarily living on their own and perfectly content with their

Secondly, marriage is hardly a panacea for priests' Waltham Forest, illicit affairs: adultery is now London E17 6AE.

clues are in the crossword

RIESTLY celibacy is not at record levels amongst mar-at all as "seamy" as you ried people. suggest (Leader, September | R S Musgrave. 17). As one of the many who, despite the constant struggle, have found deep personal fulfilment in my priesthood, I would oppose any change in

To marry or not to marry: the

the law.

The gulf is not between the Pontiff and the vast body of the Church as you say but between a Church committed to fostering permanence in the Christian values of virginity, marriage, love, sexuality and a society that has lost its way and its self-respect in these matters. That is the gap the Catholic Church must bridge. God help it. (Father) John Buckley.

JOUR claim that priests liv-

Garden Avenue, Framwellgate Moor, Durham DH1.

THE Catholic Church is ter-rified of abandoning cell-bacy but this has nothing to do with sex. It simply cannot afford to finance a married clergy and would therefore be obliged to seek substantially enhanced funding from the laity. But he who pays the piper . . . P A Johns

20 Learmonth Place, St Andrews, Fife KY16 8XE.

ON the day when a great deal of press coverage was given to the disappear-ance of the Roman Catholic Bishop of Argyle and the Isles, solutions to the Guardian Quick Crossword were "Temptress" (22A), "Prejudice" (9A), "Latin" (20A) Operation Overlord? Stuart A H Walker. 41 Gloucester Road. Higham Hill,

#### True cost of student debt

DON'T want to cause an | principle of state-funded outbreak of me-tooism, but if you want to see some real funding cuts and denial of opportunity (Cost of a degree -£20.000, September 17) then look at further education.

The colleges — where there are more students than in all universities and school sixth forms combined — are being asked to reduce unit costs per student by 17 per cent over the next three years. This is on top of efficiency gains of

Meanwhile they remain at the heart of the nation's attempt to develop and use the Britain's military expendiskills of its people. Furthereducation enrolments grew by 25 per cent over the period 1989/90 to 1993/94. Where else can you see such productivity?

Roger Ward. Chief Executive Association of Colleges. 7/8 Rathbone Place, London W1P 1DE.

THE news that the country tee of Vice Chancellors and Principals are proposing that students should incur HE news that the Commit debts of up to £20,000 to pay tuition fees and maintenance tuition fees and maintenance PO Box 268, is a fundamental blow to the Nottingham NG2 4GS.

higher education.
However, it is no accident that those who favour fees now feel emboldened to press ahead. The announcement follows the abandonment of support for the restoration of stu-dent grants by the leadership of both Labour and the

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STILL . . .

4.30

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National Union of Students. The choice posed by the crisis in further and higher education cannot be reduced to graduate tax and fees versus around 30 per cent achieved higher income tax. A shift in since 1989-1990. the unprecedented growth of dividends since 1979, cuiting ture to the average level of our European competitors and ending tax breaks for the very richest sections of society could help fund an egaltarian, universal higher-education system. Clive Lewis. Ex Vice-President

Education, NUS 1995-6. Graham Hellawell. Secretary, Campaign For Free Education. Liz Kyte. Kent University Labour Club. Jane Caro. Student Broad Laft.

#### **A Country Diary**

THE LAKE DISTRICT: The | lake, pressed for the reservoir contractors were just finish- | to be put back into use again. contractors were just finishing their long task of sealing up Kentmere reservoir so that it can safely replenish itself again when I passed the other day what has become an ugly waste of stones and mud on my way for another look at the source of the River Kent just below the 2,000ft contour on High Street. It should be realised that the drained reservoir could have become a permanent environmental disaster had it not been for the public spirited attitude of its present owners, James Crop-per pic, the Burneside paper-makers, whose chairman, Mr James Cropper, is the Lord Lieutenant of Cumbria. The water from the reservoir was water from the reservoir was no longer vital to the needs of the company and water au-thorities were not interested in its storage facilities, so there must have been a temp-tation to allow the site, empty because of serious leaks in the structure, to revert back to nature. But environmental ists and the outdoor public, well accustomed to and happy with the 150-year-old artificial

and this the company eventually agreed to do, inserting a plastic lining into the outflow pipe at a cost which has now reached £110,000. The reservoir will slowly refill, the speed dependent upon rainfall this autumn and winter. and some time next year it should be full again, all 210 million gallons of it - 2 lovely tarn once more, imme-diately below the steeps of Ill Bell and Froswick and a mile south of the Nan Bield pass. In time too, the refilled reservoir, with its discharge down the valley, should also have its effect on the River Kent sometimes described as one of the fastest-flowing rivers in England but now, following another dry summer, a sluggish, shallow stream, almost stagnant in places and hardly its usual, surging self. As I left the reservoir, becks were flowing in from Hall Cove, the Nan Bield and Yoke and the small pond in the middle was almost visibly growing

A HARRY GRIFFIN

### The soap box in a digital age

We have a right to see candidates debating on television

HE DIDN'T say yes; but more impor- | Salmond, given the support the SNP tant, he didn't say no. John Major was | commands in Scotland? Even in the US, asked on yesterday's Today programme | which has been staging these confrontathe question which interviewers always | tions since Kennedy v Nixon, these out to orime ministers at this stage of t the electoral cycle: are you ready to Perot is to file a law suit to challenge meet your opponent before the TV cameras during the coming campaign? Normally the answer is no. Incumbent prime ministers are invariably advised to refuse. Why give your opponent equal status with yourself? The only exception to that was the 1979 campaign, when James Callaghan was prime minister but the Conservatives Labour looked more like the challengers and the Tories more like the incumbents. It was Callaghan who wanted the TV confrontation then, and Thatcher who refused. Her advisers saw two dangers: first, Callaghan might come out on top; and second, if Thatcher herself emerged triumphant, male voters might be affronted: they would not like to see a woman outgunning a man.

The Prime Minister yesterday left his to set the broadcasters thinking how a are serious difficulties. Would the combat be confined to Major v Blair? If so, where would that leave Paddy Ashdown, leader of the Liberal Democrats, intending voters? But if Ashdown was then be a case for also admitting Alex | not happen in the contest of 1997.

issues are deeply contentious. Ross the decision of the joint commission of Democrats and Republicans that is charged with ordering these things to exclude him from the debates planned for this autumn.

Next, how many debates should there be? Just one would be too perfunctory. Should the format involve just the leaders, with a moderator to hold the ring? were so far ahead on the polls that If so, who should be given the role of moderator? A debate chaired by Humphrys or Paxman might be very different from one chaired by David Dimbleby or even James Naughtie. Then, should the leaders be exposed to additional invigilation by outside questioners — a group of assorted journalists, perhaps, as in Kennedy v Nixon, representing the public? Were elections in Britain supervised, as they ought to be, by an independent Electoral Comoptions open - open enough, certainly, mision, such choices could be entrusted to that body: as it is, it would all depend confrontation might be staged. There on trading between the politicians and the broadcasting authorities. The issue of principle, though, can be swiftly resolved. Have the voters a right to see those who aspire to govern them arguat present backed by some 16 per cent of | ing out their case in front of the cameras? Absolutely. It should have hapadmitted, would it be right to accord pened three decades ago. It ought to be him equal time? And wouldn't there thought intolerable that it might still

#### Give Tibet back to the Tibetans

Granting autonomy would be in China's best interest as well

THE DALAI LAMA made a remarkably | issue has never been addressed charitable speech yesterday in Sydney during a visit bitterly denounced by Beijing. The latest news from Tibet is grim. Huge workteams of Chinese communist cadres have been sent into the most famous monasteries near Lhasa to "re-educate" the monks and force them to disown their spiritual leader. Yet he told the National Press Club of his conviction that "a change for the better is coming." With his usual broad smile, he suggested that a post-Deng Xiaoping leadership would be more amenable to talks without preconditions. He also restated the position that he was not calling for Tibetan independence but only for self-government. Tibet, he suggested, should become a non-milita-

rised zone of no threat to anyone. China has always reacted negatively to the Dalai Lama's moderate posture (which upsets more radical Tibetans seeking outright independence). The

squarely in informal contacts. Sometimes Beijing suggests he is only playing with words, at others that he is being manipulated by foreign interests. China was also furious when the Dalai Lama intervened last year in the search for the reincarnated Panchen Lama.

Internal opposition in Tibet has waned since the big pro-independence demonstrations of the late 1980s. Yet Beijing persists in seeing "splittists" at work everywhere. This is partly because of the super-patriotism now being promoted by Deng's successors. It also reflects concern over neighbouring Xinjiang where non-Chinese Muslim nationalities are posing a more active threat. In the end China's interests are best served by taking the Dalai Lama's offer at face value. Tibet enjoys the theoretical status of an autonomous region: 40 years after it was granted, making it real is the only sensible way.

a chance encounter shortly after the original broadcast. Colin Browne. Director of Corporate Affairs. BBC, Broadcasting House, Portland Place, London W1A 1AA. YESTERDAY the news-agent had sold out of quality newspapers and I was forced to buy the Daily Tele-graph I chuckled at the rightwing rantings on the letters

page: in particular, those commenting on the antics of "the Oasis band", calling for all such "cacophony" to be banned. It made me realise why I buy the Guardian. Yet day's usually interesting and well-argued Guardian letters page I find a similar hail of middle-class indignation that any kind of popular culture should qualify as "news". Jack Critchlow's fear that "the dreaded yoof culture is taking a grip on our estimable organ" is ill-founded; let "his" newspaper cover health and gardening, let "my" newspaper feature excellent journalism, intelligent liberal comment and, yes, popula culture. The Guardian can

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satisfy us both. Temple Avenue number. We may edit letters: ing a wholly new level of per-fidy: they claim that Anna shorter ones are more likely to appear. We regret we cannot knowledge those not used.



#### Chewing the fat over genes

viewed the report at home, having had no prior knowl-edge of the item. He has not YOU suggest (The fight of pend on both genes and envi-the fattest, September 17) ronment as always. Further-that our high rate of obesity is more, "how genetic" a trait is munication whatsoever with Tim Bell about the report or caused by modern environ-ments, while worrying about estimates that "genes regulate any other BA matter. John Birt has had no dealings of any kind with BA about the Newsnight report, except the

ronment as always. Further-more, "how genetic" a trait is typically depends on the environment the study population occupies; the effects of genes (eg which genes are fattest) will change in different envibesity" by up to 80 per cent. But this figure does not mean that 80 per cent of fatness is due to the genes. It means that, in some populations, 80 per cent of the variation be-Paul E Griffiths. (Lecturer in Philosophy of Science, tween individuals depends on which genes they have. The actual value of the trait Otago University, Dunedin, New Zealand.) Old Post Office, Woodrising. (how fat people are) will de Norfolk NR9 4AH

BBC bias (no, we must interrupt) WHILE I agree with Cath-erine Bennett in backing "shell-shocked". the Today team against the politicians (Why Today should pull no punches September 18), I am sorry she makes their degree of aggression the measure of how far they deserve our support.

It is because Sue MacGregor, John Humphrys and
Jim Naughtie know their
stuff that I find I cheer them on. It is, by contrast, because Anna Ford seems so naïve about many Today subjects that even her first questions are so easy to deflect, never mind the follow-ups, if any. Paul Neuburg. 41 Crediton Hill.

BRIAN Mawhinney is so noften furious and indig-nant that it must be difficult for the BBC to know when their staff have really transgressed the accepted norms (Tory fury, September 17). I admire Central Office's ingenulty, therefore, in discover-

London NW6 1HS.

'shell-shocked".

One must also admire Mr. Clarke's steely determination to display his usual bouncy self (and inability to answer questions), all through Ms. Ford's terrible onslaught. Martin Ecclestone. Princess Royal Cottage, Butterow West, Rodborough, Stroud GL5 3UA. THOUGHT, listening at the time, that Clarke came out of it rather well. Poor inter-

viewing technique, yes, but following Mawhinney's sanctimonious intervention, my sympathy has evaporated. Alan Lloyd. Crispin House Church Lane, Ledbury, Herefordshire HR8 1DW.

HE word whinny was a gentle or joyful neigh. Now t seems to be a whine, a longdrawn complaining cry, a fee ble, mean or undignified complaint. Owen Wass. 20 Willow Holt, Ordsall, Retford Ford's recent interview with Notts DN22 7TN.

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rue cost of students

Country Diary

N the Daily Telegraph, top enforcer Boris the Jackal Johnson interviews £11 million lottery winner Karl Crompton, and begins by dwelling on Mr Crompton's weekend fall from his bike. "Not," write the Jackal, "that I would have wished him to suffer his dislocated collar bone, strained ligaments and so forth". When I rang the Jackal's office yesterday to enquire about this menacing piece of code. I was met by a familiar voice. "The Guv'nor's gawn aht," said a wheezy basso profundo, "but 'e left a message before he gawn. 'Tell 'im to be careful on his way 'ome,' he said. "Tell 'im I wouldn't want 'im to damage 'is kidneys, or his spieen, or so forth. Tell 'im to stay lucky. Gawt that?" said the voice. "Now

TTH the Liberal Democrats meeting next week in Brighton, an omission has been spotted in the conference imetable: there is no debate about transport. This is curious. Transport is a massive issue to the Lib-Dems. the cyclist's friends, and the cynical might wonder ploy to avoid a row over the Newbury bypass; Newbury MP David Rendel is in favour, while rank-and-file opinion is strongly against. Surely old Pantsdown hasn't gone in for the brutal conference management he so deplores elsewhere? Not

at all, says press officer Ju-dith Fryer. "We've got this bloody great policy docu-ment," she says, "and quite frankly we don't think it needs updating. We've got nothing to be ashamed of." NE subject the Lib-Dems have regretted debating in the past is drugs, so they will be delighted to get this year's controversy out the way before conference begins. Writing in the New States-man, comedian Mark Thomas recalls visiting Simon Hughes, an MP be-lieved to have hopes of succeeding old Pants, at his home earlier this year for his TV series. Mr Thomas reports asking the Bermondsey MP if he has ever taken illegal drugs, and being told: "Yes . . . I was at

and they were fine." Mr Hughes declines to name the drug, but adds: "It made me very sociable and they were fine." As Mark Thomas observes, Mr Hughes breaks new ground by answering a question so honestly. Let us hope he doesn't have to pay too

a party and someone said To you want this or do you

want that?", and I said 'this'

N British Columbia, a judge has jailed burglar Steven Qualtier for six and a half months. Police arrested him earlier this month when, after he had broken into a house, Mr Qualtier made the tactical error of tossing from his getaway car all the bras and panties he had stolen, thus leaving police an easy-tofollow trail. Dismissing the defendant's claim that it was "all a joke", the judge suggested he receive psy-chological help.



# Indecision is vital over Europe

### Commentary

#### Hugo Young

N a speech of 50 para-graphs yesterday, Malcohn Rifkind devoted one of them to the single cur-rency. Who told the papers and the BBC that this was the line that mattered is not clear. I doubt if it was the Foreign Office, in whose name rather than that of the Tory Party Rifkind went to Zurich 50 years after Churchill, in order to articulate in a wide-ranging way the present British per-spective on Europe in the largest sense. Perhaps the salient est sense. Perhaps the salient feature of this perspective is the near-impossibility of getting an honest hearing for it. The incendiary politics of a single issue consigns all else to silence. Uttered by Tony Blair, who is perceived as a friend of the European Living Bildfadt. the European Union, Rifkind's anxieties about the speed of inegration, and his preference for incremental progress over leaps of faith, would have been

deserved. It expressed legiti-mate priorities, and a realistic attitude to flexibility. But Mr Rifkind, as the British Foreign Secretary, is not granted such an audience. What he has to say about snything European, and about the single currency in particular, automatically takes its place as the ploy of an ambitious man staking a posi-tion in the ceaseless Tory battle over Europe. This inability to be heard as a truth-teller, even when one may be telling the truth, is quite a serious handicap. It is one reason why the Conservatives are not safe

What is going on now, both in Europe and in Britain, is a kind of shell-game. It's a test of both nerve and tactics. At this moment, the manoeuvring is as much about timing as substance. For Rifkind and John Major in particular, time has become the essence. Here's a

to entrust with another

report from the front. France, with Germany alongside, is looking to accelerate the process. France has parliamentary elections in March 1998, and wants a ratifiable outcome from the Inter-Governmental Conference, the so-called Maastricht II, well settled before then. There's talk of a draft treaty being on leaps of faith, would have been the table by December, for received as constructive criticism. That is the reception it France and Germany are pre-

pared to do pragmatic deals that throttle back integration-ist ambitions. President Chirac has decided that hanging around in endless discussion may be futile and, for him, self-defeating.

Franco-German momentum is also developing behind the EMU project. On some scenar-ios, this too could even be pushed forward abe due time, January 1999. France's need to soften the criteria, and get the pain of initial convergence over before the voters feel obliged to fight back, seems to grip more of the political class as perhaps an indispensable pre-condition of their long-standing determina-tion to bind their economy, as well as their politics, into

This sense of mounting urgency lits in with the analysis of the Tory Euro-phobes at home. Central to their demand that the party should commit against the euro for the dur-ation of the next Parliament is their contention that, wheover wins the election, the political decision one way or the other will have to be taken in weeks. Continuing agnosticism, there-fore, is an insult to democracy. To most Euro-phobes I know, every evidence of a new Franco-German timetable is a matter for delight and vindica-

matic démarche of the kind they're pining for. With Dublin summits due both before and after the party conference, nobody can be certain he won't oblige, if only to wrong foot the Labour Party. It's the election,

The British interest he's pur

sued so far, however, went the opposite way. Deceleration is has done nothing to help speed the IGC, which would in any case need to address the knock-down issues of majority voting, the rights of large powers against small, and the future of the Commission, if Franco-German demands for a decision were to be met. These issues have so far been avoided. The small countries. as well as Britain, have no interest in pursuing them until other matters have been pro-gressed under the rules.

HERE delay has been canvassed most vigorously is, of course, on EMU. Indecision is not only the Government's watchword but its necessary route to a semblar of party unity. Interested min-isters categorically reject the phobes' assertion that the apparatus of EMU, and therefore the preliminary British decision to apply for entry, must be put through Parliament before the end of 1997. They set total store by the avoidance of that requirement, and, equally, by resisting the demand that we should at least rule out entry

This continues to be the nub of the Major-Clarke position. Arguing that the final decision still won't be made until fully a year after the British election they regard any clear signal now as a pointless, destructive sacrifice. It would sacrifice British influence, which the tion. It pushes Major, as they Governor of the Bank already think, further towards a dra-sniffs is slightly on the wane. It

would tell the markets the pound could be counted out of convergence. It would say, in real effect, that Britain was staying out not just for one year but for many — but, since this would not be acknowledged, no alternative strategy would be out forward. And it would produce seismic effects on the business wing of the

Tory Party, whatever hap-pened to Kenneth Clarke which, in any case, would be quite a lot. Such a line will be easier to defend if, as it turns out, the Franco-German EMU is in fact delayed. That is what every pro-Europe British politician of every party is praying for. Recent stories out of Brussels. Bonn and Paris have pushed

delay is not impossible. It could become attractive to EMU supporters who, above all, do not want it to fail. The Bundesbank may say yes, but wait until the basis is sounder. France may say yes, but wait until the deficit is more attainable, and perhaps until more of the Mediterraneans are nearer being ready.

the acceleration scenario, but

If this happens, the best guess is that it will happen late and for a period strictly lim-ited to not more than 18 months. That will still leave British leaders in a familiar predicament. Both before the election and after it, they will be defending a position that is subtle, devious and temporising against an onslaught of crude and atavistic populism which has so far shown little respect for the evidence that Europe takes but a modest place in the hierarchy of what

matters to the voters. To protect the national interest, Major and Blair will be obliged to make an uncomfortable but necessary case: that until they know where the 15 are going, they cannot tell what that interest is.

reminded of this, it is a reflec-

tion on the fact that we ever

allowed ourselves to be

painted into the opposite

But often as a result of the

publicity give to "dumping", we miss the chance to tell

people of the difference we

would make to those in need in our society: the 250,000

young people we are pledged to remove from the dole and

put into work and education:

getting rid of the wretched Tory internal market in the NHS; the six-point plan for

the homeless, helped by a

phased release of capital receipts; helping the poorest

of the nation's pensioners; proper civil rights for the dis-abled. All this, quite apart

from the decisions the Tories

take in government that hurt the people, which we are pow-

The game the rightwing and part of its press play with

us has been the same all my political life; and part of the

left always joins in. It is to say

this: when Labour reaches

the mouthpiece of unpopular causes, it is its true self. I believe in defending unpopu-

lar causes when they are right But I don't believe that

it is our sole raison d'être,

and I certainly don't believe

that because we are electable.

and winning new support, we

It is easy as a Labour leader

to say to the party: look, we've changed; we had to do

so, to win. And I do believe

change has been necessary to win. But I want to say some-

thing tougher than that it was right to change, right as a

matter of principle. We are the party of the people, and we had drifted away from

them. Now we are back as their party and that's the way

it should stay. So new Labour

is not "dumping" Labour's history. We are and should be

proud of the achievements of Labour governments of the

past. New Labour simply rec-

ognises that the application of

the values needs to be updated for today's world.

That is not to decry the past,

but it is to say we can and must find a different way

forward.
That is the only route not

just to electoral victory, but also to a better future for

Britain. And that message has to go out to the whole of Britain. People ask, rather

sniffily, why we spend time writing for and putting pieces

in "tabloid" papers. Let me be blunt. The Guardian sells

400,000 to 500 000 copies a day. The Sun, Express and Mail

around 8 million. The Mir-

ror/Record just over 3 million. You don't need to be a

genius in communications to realise that if we don't get the

message beyond the Guard-ian, we don't get the message

From time immemorial, radicals have had the best

causes, but have always been

their own worst enemies in fighting them. A gap opens up

between the activists and the

people. The Conservatives ex-

ploit it. Every change we have

made in New Labour closes

that gap. If we build a party

that keeps it closed, then that

politics for good.

is what will change British

are unprincipled.

Real value of the £60m squiggles



Wally Olins

Tuesday's front page into three riveting sec-tions: "Soccer star wears girl's headband shock": "Lips Hurley — Liz unveils pouty new look"; and "BA blows 260 million on new logo". This third item got the most coverage and was subjected to the Sun's particular brand of righteous wrath "British Airways chiefs are blowing £60 million on making tiny changes to their logo, while axing 10,000 workers to SAVE costs," wrote John Kay, the Sun hack assigned to the story. Although the piece drivelled on over two pages, the Sun never explained what "BA chiefs" thought they were getting for their £50 million except "a few squiggles". As Richard Branson well knows, BA has as tough and beady a management as you will find anywhere; so what is it doing apparently chucking

a squiggle or two? This story is in fact more or less identical to those which appear in the Sun and else-where whenever a major British company launches an identity change. BT. BP. ICI and other giants have all within the last few years been accused of wasting millions on a "squiggle". It is significant, perhaps, that these are amonest the most successful British companies on the world stage, that all are con-spicuously well managed, and that the "funny squiggles" have coincided with strategic and structural change which has often led to dramatic improvements in service and profitability. For instance, BT's much-derided identity change — to the "prancing poofter" — coincided with

its money down the drain for

customer service, lower prices and higher profits. Can the Sun be mistaken? Is there quite literally more to eye? Is the squiggle just the tip of the iceberg? Do these changes in visual identity signal other changes, in struc-ture, strategy, marketing pol-icy, corporate culture? Are these signals internally as well as externally directed? In other words, are they intended to remind people within the organisation to think and behave in a more

massive increases in effi-

ciency, far higher levels of

responsive way?
The answer to all these questions is yes they are, and yes they do. So what are these out to new people or speaks figures like £60 million actually spent on? The "squig-gles" in the logo with which the BT and Orange identities ordinary common sense, it is "aping" the Tories; when it is

the Sun is so obsessed are only a tiny part of a much larger whole called corporate identity — a significant main-stream management disci-pline which helps the company to distinguish itself from the competition by looking, behaving and thinking in a unique way. It holds together parts of a company which may be widely dis-persed both geographically and by sector. Above all, corporate identity helps the company to re-invent itself in a time of constant change.

Some corporate-identity consultancies are now quite large. They employ 100 or so people — graphic designers, of course (the people who draw the "squiggle"), but sometimes architects, interior designers, product designers as well as beha-vioural, communications and management consultants too.

Corporate identity is now used by companies to beat the competition at a time when price, quality and service, the traditional factors on which competition was based, are increasingly converging. Take BA. BA is not simply British any more. It has interests in French, German, Australian and American air-lines. It licenses other airlines to use its liveries. It employs people from over 100 countries. It needs a personality, a way of behaving and being that everybody in the organisation can understand, and in which they can share and that looks distinctive. In other words, it needs to project a global presence while being locally responsive.

A has used the meaning process to symbolise change and develop-A has used the identity ment internally and externally, and now, as it expands and mutates into a truly global corporation, it is doing it once again. BA doesn't spend money on things that don't work. It knows that corporate identity is a signifi-cant management resource.

The cost of modifying or changing identity is really quite small. Identity consultants' fees, even for the big-gest jobs, don't come to much more than £1 million or so. Much less than merchant bankers or management consultants get. Everything else that is spent — the fabled £80 million — relates to imple-menting the idea. Most of it is replacement cost.

In fact, in relation to the benefits it brings, an identity programme costs peanuts. Orange was launched on to the Stock Exchange a couple of months ago and valued at \$2.5 billion. Most commentators agree that the bulk of that figure relates to the brand power deriving from its name and the visual manifestations of identity — not a bad exchange for a few million quid.

Wally Olins is chairman of Wolff Olins, the consultants who created, among many others,

**Tony Blair** responds to his critics, notably in the Guardian, who he thinks have unfairly accused him of 'dumping' the historic principles and aspirations of the Labour Party

# Tomorrow's socialism

IRST, the now standard denial of Guardian headlines. No, I am not "a Liberal". No, I do not regard my party as "a failure". However, there is a serious argument about change in centre and centreleft politics. The difficulty is making the argument without distortion. In particular we should exorcise the language of betrayal. We are all grappling with political questions of moment and importance to nation's fithire Let us so without rancour.

After four election defeats in a row, no one, surely, can argue that Labour should not have taken stock. Every other major left-of-centre party is undergoing a similar process of change. Indeed, many now seek to emulate the British Labour Party. But, when we "dump" our past, or be trying to "out-Tory the Tories". De-volution, Clause 4, the trade unions, comprehensive edu-cation, tax 'n' spend, social-ism itself. So: "We used to stand for something, now, having changed, we stand for nothing." That is the charge. Yet consider each point. It

is simply ludicrous to say we have "dumped" Scottish de-volution. We are committed to it. But, learning from the problems of the last Labour government, whose legisla-tive timetable was completely dominated by Scottish devo-lution, only then to see it fail, we have promised a different approach. First, a referen-dum. Then, with that mandate, the chance to legislate clearly and quickly. We will have spent no legislative time on it unless the Scottish people consent; and with their consent, the opposition is going to find it far harder to

lessly out-of-date expression of our values. Ninety per cant of the party membership ap-proved the change, which actually allows us to say what we believe in in our constitution. On trade unions, no one is "bashing" unions. But it is being made plain, as it must be, that Labour will govern for the whole country. We have evolved a constitution based on Omov, and the constituency delegates have a majority of votes at conference. What on earth is anti-trade unions about that? It has happened with the con-sent and support of the

Clause 4, we changed. That was because it was a hope-

On comprehensive education, we remain committed to cut unemployment, and tion, we remain committed to all-in schooling. But can the system never be improved? Should we never look at ways in which we can take account of children's different abilities without returning to the 11-plus? Should we refuse to the system are not ending the social. 11-plus? Should we refuse to focus on standards in schools? Should we pretend that comprehensive education is incapable of improvement? We can improve without returning to the past.

As for "tax 'n' spend", I can never understand why some in our ranks always want to let the Tories off lightly. They



doubled under John Major. | The costs of unemployment have rocketed. £200 billion of unions themselves. Let us get more ordinary trade union- ists participating in how the party is run, as party cent. Shouldn't we be trying the party is run, as party cent. Shouldn't we be trying the party is run, as party cent. Shouldn't we be trying the party them? to assist them? And shouldn't we be looking at ways we can we are not ending the social-

ist ideal. On the contrary, we are giving it new life for

today. My kind of socialism is

form of economic determinism has ended, and rightly.

The objective — a modern civic society in which all individuals have the ability to develop their potential places us firmly within the traditions of social democ-racy and democratic social-ism. These are parts of the common heritage with other radicals. We can celebrate that without losing our identity. These points are so simple that it is extraordinary they should generate the fuss they do. If there has been

we have a sensible means of setting a minimum wage in government according to the economic circumstances. As a result, we are finally making headway, even with employ-ers, on the justice of the argument. Far from "dumping" the minimum wage, it is, in will get one. In a business speech I gave

on Monday, I said we wanted British firms to be highly profitable: this has provoked comment. What is incredible is that such sentiments a lot of change, that is per-haps because a lot needed to change. Take the minimum Without a profitable enter should be thought anything change. Take the minimum Without a profitable enter-wage. Instead of an unwieldy prise sector to the British a set of values, based around formula — that allowed our economy, we cannot be sucnotions of social justice. It opponents to claim that it cessful if people need to be

I believe change has been necessary. But I want to say something have put up taxes by 7p in the pound. Public-sector debt has tougher: it was right to change, right as a matter of principle

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New Ford, ne

# Even trickier than Dicky

can vice-president forced out of office for criminal conduct. The irony of Spiro Agnew's disgrace was that, until his indictment for bribery, extortion, and tax evasion, he had been one of the few members of President Richard Nixon's administration not touched by the Watergate scandal and seemed well in line to take over the presidency.

His lack of involvement really said more about the president's low regard for his running mate than for Ag-new's probity. The charges to which the vice-president pleaded no contest on October 10, 1973 made clear that be had been accepting bribes for most of his political career, including receiving cash in plain envelopes during his time in the White House.

But, contrary to his later mage as a right-wing bruiser. Spiro Theodore Agnew started nis political career as a Republican liberal. He was the son of a Greek immigrant (the family name had been Anagnostopou-los) who settled at the turn of the century in Baltimore. Maryland and started a barber's business. When that was wiped out by the depression. Agnew senior started a mobile greengrocery and became sufficiently affluent to see his son into university. The experience left young Agnew with a lasting respect for self-help, a

trait that helped his downfall. After briefly and unsuccessfully studying chemistry at Baltimore's Johns Hopkins University, Agnew took night classes in law at the University of Baltimore while working in insurance. During the war he served in Europe as a com-pany commander with the 10th Armoured Division. He completed his degree in 1947 at the age of 29. For 10 years, he pursued his legal career local politics. He started with after making his name there

of county circuit judge.

In 1962, when segregation still had full legal force in the southern states, he fought on an integrationist ticket and won the position of Baltimore county executive. Within months of taking office, he had successfully introduced the first law south of the Mason-Dixon line requiring the desegregation of hotels and other public and public accommodation.

Building on the reputation thus acquired among blacks and liberals (and benefiting from the civil rights laws passed by President Johnson), he ran against a segregation-ist Democrat in 1967 to win the Maryland governorship. He rapidly built up his liberal

'Agnew's a tough, shrewd Greek. He can't give a speech worth a

damn, but he's not going to fall apart'

credentials by introducing the south's first open housing law. securing the repeal of the state's 300-year-old law against mixed marriages, passing strong new laws against industrial pollution, and introducing a graduated income

Baltimore in 1968, triggered by the murder of Martin Luther King, brought a radical shift of attitude. He sum-moned local black leaders and berated them for their failure to control their people. His hostile attitude, expressed in a lost him support among blacks and liberals, but they gained him a new constituency within the Republican

He arrived at that year's Republican convention in Miami Beach wrapped in this radio, and television new conservatism. With the lumped together for the first

after President Johnson's withdrawal and Robert Kennedy's assassination. Nixon was looking for a compatible running mate.

He had dickered briefly with Nelson Rockefeller and later with John Lindsay, both seen as offering a liberal bal-ance to his own candidacy. But, as Nixon himself said privately, though they would produce big gains in the northern states they would probably cost him most of the south. "Agnew's a tough, shrewd Greek. He can't give a speech worth a damn, but he's not go

ing to fall apart".

The announcement of Nixon's running mate stunned ob-servers. They had never heard of him. Henry Kissinger com-mented that "Nixon started out thinking of Agnew as a political bungler. Always sensi tive to being overshadowed. he may well have picked him for that reason. Later he came to see Agnew's utility as a hired gun, attacking targets not suitable for presidential assault. Agnew, in turn, was

ferociously proud. He suffered his peripheral roles in dignified silence and I found him highly intelligent and much subtler than his nublic image

A rather harsher judgment came from the Supreme Court Justice William O Douglas, who wrote in his autobiogra phy that "Agnew was the old Nixon, who was on the payroll of real-estate and oil men while he was in Congress, doing favours that no congressman ethically could do. Agnew was the Nixon who was intolerant of ideas, who gave every liberal thought or eftist idea a sinister Communist tinge. Agnew soon began saving what the new, bland Nixon would not say." So, as the unrest about the

Vietnam war burgeoned, the vice-president coined the phrase "the silent majority" to signify the flag-saluting, law-abiding taxpayer under attack He also aimed his fire at press



Double trouble . . . Agnew with Nixon at the 1968 Republican convention. Agnew, the surprise running-mate, took bribes for most of his career

He spoke of "a small group of men. numbering perhaps no more than a dozen anchormen, commentators and executive producers, who settle upon the 20 minutes or so of film and commentary that's to reach the public. They decide what 40 or 50 million Americans will learn ... "With 1.735 daily papers then publishing in the US, and the transmissions of countless radio stations, it was pretty fair nonsense but it succeeded in putting many journalists on the defensive.

In a burst of alliterative abuse — partly tongue-incheek according to one of his speechwriters — the vice-president vilified opponents of the White House as pusillanimous

made them sound more negativism. Unfortunately, proved trief, the tactic backfired since In April 1873, the White He spoke of "a small group these tended to be the only House learned that the US atreported sections of speeches that were often well-thoughtout expositions of the conser-

varive case. In fact the conservative tide was running so strongly that the Nixon-Amew team was reelected by an overwhelming margin in 1972. Then the bizarre — and wholly unnecessary - events of the Waterdant illegalities began to unravel

At first the distance between Nixon and his potential successor worked strongly to Agnew's advantage. The special prosecutor's inquiries demonstrated quite clearly that Nixon's inner circle had kept Agnew well away from

time as "the media", which tion, and nattering nabobs of campaign. But this respite suspended sentence. He made them sound more negativism. Unfortunately, proved crief.

torne; in Baltimore was investigating payoffs, illegal campaign contributions, and tax evasion among a number of the vice-president's former associates. Agnew was clearly implicated. There were desperate behind-the-scenes efforts to keep the lid on the scandal but it soon reached the ears of Eliot Richardson. the Attorney-General.

His investigation remained unknown for four months until revealed by the Wall Street Journal. After frantic attempts at plea bargaining. Agnew settled for a non-custodial sentence. He resigned on October 9, pleading no contest to a long list of charges the them." following day. He was fined

professor in France and be

came a Chévalier of the Legion of Honour and a Com-

mander of the National Order

That his Gaullist connec-

tions were from opportunity.

curiosity and empathy, rather than commitment, is seen by

his real commitments to the ran unsuccessfully in the

New York Democratic Con-

an international trade

In later years. Agnew was to indicate, as he did in his 1980 apologia. "Go Quietly ... Or Else" that pressure from the White House had forced him into resigning. This was his first was a novel about high-level Washington, The Canfield Decision, that was briefly a best seller. In a 1980 television inter-

view. Agnew said: "I wouldn't recommend anyone go into politics today, any young person. Because it's just people, the expectation of people from people in public office is just so high that no ordinary man can ever perform to suit The interviewer then asked if honesty could not le-

Agnew said, "but honesty is a different thing to different

In recent years, Agnes underwent a sort of rehability tion. In May 1995, a white marble bust of the former vicepresident was unveiled in the Capitol in Washington, joining images of the vice-presi dents who preceded him

Three months earlier in February, Maryland governor. Parris Glendening res cued Agnew's portrait from a storage room and hing if along with the other pas Maryland governors in the State House Reception Room. He is survived by his wife, a son and three daughters.

Harold Jackson

Nimmo, actor, 64; Dr Harold

Plenderleith, antiquarian

and scientist, 98; Prof Ferry

ardson, former warden, Ke-

ble College, Oxford, 72: The Duke of Richmond and

Gordon, Chancellor, Sussex University, 67; Pida Ripley, director, WomenAid, 52; Bridget Rosewell, econo-

mist, 45; David Seaman, footballer, 33; Marc Surer,

racing driver, 45; Twiggy

(Lesley Hornby), model and

actress, 47; Prof Christo-

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States of Mary.

Nicholas Wahl

# Outsider in France's inner circle

French politics. His parents were from Budapest but moved, after a brief time in Paris, to New York where he PhD in the mid-1950s took him back to Europe.

His subject was the tension and rivalry that developed in wartime between De Gaulle's Free French in exile and the resistance movement in France. He had charm, energy, a zest for life and politics (perhaps more for academic political science) and a deep knowledge of French politics (that came from the Harvard training to read widely something rare among actual politicians). All this impressed itself so much on De Gaulle's young entourage that soon he found himself triangular meetings with Nuf-granted regular access to the field College. Oxford (where great man, as well as becom-ing a life-long friend of Michel

After De Gaulle came to postgraduate politics insti-power in 1958, Wahl found tute) to which leading figures

ICK WAHL, who has bimself on the inside track, died aged 68, was a The principal draftsman of legendary, and rare, the new constitution would take long country drives, supposedly unobserved, to consult with the supposedly disinterested Nick (in a political sense at least) to talk over diwas horn; but his Harvard lemmas; and when Debre became prime minister. Nick was already a part-time memvisers, often used as a sounding board on American opinion and reactions. There is a story that during the Al-gerian crisis he had an army helicopter put at his disposal (to move more quickly and

observe more closely, not to

But all this time he was pursuing an academic career in the United States, moving from Harvard to a chair at Princeton in 1964. From there he organised famous annual he was a Visiting Fellow 1962 61), and the Institut d'Etudes Politiques (France's leading



The General's men . . . Professor Wahl (left) with Jacques Chirac

three countries were invited or rather, it seemed to me.

For more than 20 years, Wahl and his friend Philip Williams of Nuffield (Gaitskell's biographer) would make one or two two-week inerviewing raids together through the French political elite, just to stay in touch. The story was that great men were cross when dropped from their itinerary, and that some of those included would ring them to ask what others

had said. But if he was the prince of friendly insiders, there was perhaps a price to be paid. Williams wrote two major books on the Fourth and Fifth

in the political life of the Republics while Wahl never produced either the long-expected major biography of Charles de Gaulle, nor any major book on French poli-tics, only some short and elegant think-pieces and a good student textbook on the Fifth Republic, but textbook none

> Perhaps he got trapped, as can happen, into feeling that anything he wrote using inside knowledge would then appear to betray the confi-dence of friends. Friendship ademics and journalists.

> meant a lot to him. It is the insider's dilemma for both ac-However, he was to put all his inside knowledge. French connections and charm to ex-

use when he became director of the Institute of French Studies at New York University in 1978 and professor of French Civilisation and His-tory. He turned it from being concerned exclusively with literature into the very model of an interdisciplinary centre. France was studied as a

whole — economics, politics, history and literature; and he turned it into a major meeting place for distinguished French visitors and American politicians, scholars and intellectuals. Good at fundraising, his longer-term visi tors would join in the supervision of PhD students, and then give them good contacts in France. Over the years, he traordinarily good academic was many times a visiting

gressional primaries, and his friend. John Brademas, the president of New York University, had been Democratic

of Merit.

majority chief whip in the House until Reagan's time. During the Carter presi-dency. Nick was a consultant to the State Department and the National Security Coun-cil. But it is fair to say that his decidedly European good manners, charm, irony and sang-froid did not always click with the slightly coarser, careerist and humourless atmosphere of Washington and New York politics.

His first marriage was dissolved, but his second, in 1988 to Charlotte Johnson, the English painter, was close and happy, and it led him to spend more and more time in London amid her family and friends. He died - perhaps emblematically in a room in St Thomas's directly overlooking the Palace of Westminster - after a long and stoical battle against cancer. clear as an unbeliever that he had enjoyed life to the full.

Bernard Crick

Anthony Nicholas Maria Wahl, historian, born June 7, 1928; died Seplember 13, 1996

#### Birthdays

Kate Adie. television journalist. 78; Pete Murray, nalist. 51: Louise Botting, broadcaster, 68; Derek nalist. 51: Louise Botting, broadcaster, financial consultant, 57: Rosemary Casals, former tennis player, and scientist, 98; Prof Ferry 48; Judith Church, Labour Porsche, car designer, 87; MP. 44; Justin Dukes, chief Zandra Rhodes, fashion denications Industries Consortium. 55; Michael Elphick. actor, 50; Jim Fox. pentath-lon winner, 55; Sidonie Goossens. harpist. 96: Rosemary Harris, actress, 66; Simon Hemans, High Commissioner to Kenya, 56; Richard Gray, director, Manches-ter City Art Galleries, 45; Jeremy Irons, actor, 48; Tanith Lee, writer, 49;

Death Notices

David McCallum, actor, 63; pher White, authority on Austin Mitchell, Labour fine art, 66; Paul Williams, MP. 62; Penelope Mortimer, composer and lyricist, 56.

her of a summer of a factor of imperial orive, North Harrow Passed sway on the 11th September 1996 in St. Austell, Cornwall Funeral service to take place on Friday 20th September 1996 at St. Georges Church, Pinner View, Harrow at Ignn followed by a Cremation of Breakspoar Crematorium at 20th All Enguires to Barner & Sons List Tell no 1981 1743 4312.

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CLARE. Arthur Victor, to pay tribute Councillor Arthur former Lord Mayor Norwich at Blackmars Hell, Norwich (2nd September at 3,00pm. PLOWMAN STREETEN, Billy Edwis, 3 July 1983 - 19 September 1995. Billy boy, Billy boy, with this band of fram Loved by his mun, loved by his dad, Billy boy, Billy boy.

#### Jackdaw



#### **FAQs**

SHOPPING — Does your dog regularly suffer from any of the following? Loose bowels, wind, skin irritation. How do you purchase your plants, bulbs, roses, shrubs and seeds? Which one cigar brand is smoked most often?

If you ride, do you own a Have you ever or do you currently play the following? Littlewoods Pools, Vernons Pools, National Lottery. Do you read romantic fiction? Health — If anyone in your

Leisure — Do you belong to a golf club?

household is affected by thrush, which of the following treatments is used? Canesten or Diffucan? Barclays Bank would like to

send information to your children about teenage bank accounts. Please sign below if you have no objections. Your home — What is your approximate mobile phone bill per month?

If you are connected, what is Some of the more bizarre ques-tions that the Consumer Research Bureau survey asks you to puzzle over (if you ever bother to read it).

#### Universal Qs

DOUGLAS Adams 'There is a theory which states that if ever anybody discovers exactly what the Universe is for and why it is here, it will instantly disappear and be replaced by something even more bizarre and inexplicable. There is an other theory which states that this has already happened." Albert Einstein "Only two things are infinite, the univers and human stupidity, and I'm not sure about the former.

Richard Cook "Programming today is a race between software engineers striving to build bigger and better idiot proof programs, and the Universe trying to produce bigger and better idiots. So far, the Universe is winning." Edward P. Tryon "In answer to the question of why it hap-pened, I offer the modest pro-

posal that our Universe is simply one of those things which happen from time to time." Max Frisch Technology is a way of organising the universe so that man doesn't have to experience it." Woody Allen "Tm astounded by people who want to 'know' the universe when it's hard enough to find your way

Fred Hoyle "There is a coherent plan in the universe, though I don't know what it's a plan for."
Christopher Morley 'My theology, briefly, is that the universe was dictated but not

Calvin and Hobbes (Bill Wat-

terson) "The surest sign that intelligent life exists elsewhere

in the universe is that it has

never tried to contact us."

The age-old question of the universe elucidated for us. From the and round, at very high listserver, mish mash.

#### Simple gibber HOW MANY readers of

Anthony Burgess's novel A Clockwork Orange, or view-ers of Stanley Kubrick's film, knew that Burgess took the title from an allegedly common but never actually used British simile, "queer as a clockwork orange"? Can any one recall the meaning of the terms "Koyaanisqatsi" and "Powaqatsi"? And were there any secrets encrypted in Lucy in the Sky With Diamonds, or was it just a song about a fly-ing girl with a necklace? Nowlays, dreary old comprehensibility is still very much around. A film about a boy man called Jack is called Jack. A film about a crazed baseball fan is called The Fan. The film Emma is called Emma.

However, titular mystifica tion continues to intensify. When Oasis, the British pop phenoms, sing "You're my Wonderwall," what can they mean? "I intend to ride over

speed"? Surely not. And Bladerunner? Yes, I know that hunters of android "repli-cants" are called "hladerunners" - but why? And yes. yes, William S. Burroughs (again) used the phrase in the title of a 1979 novel; and, to get really arcane, there's a 1974 medical thriller called The Bladerunner, by the late Dr Alan E Nourse, But what does

any of this have to do with Ridley Scott's movie? Harrison Ford runs not, neither does his blade. Shouldn't a work of art give us the keys with which to unlock it's meaning? But perhaps it's just the phrase that sounds cool, thanks to those echoes of Burroughs, Daddy cool himself.
In 1928, Luis Bunuel and
Salvador Dali co-directed the

surrealist classic Un Chien Andalou, a film about many things, but not Andalusian dogs. So it is with Quentin Tarantino's first film, Reser voir Dogs. No reservoir, no dogs, no use of the words "reservoir", "dogs," or "reservoir dogs" at any point in the movie. No imagery derived from dogs or reservoir dogs or dogs in reservoirs or reser voirs of dogs. Nada, or, as Mr Pink and co. would say. 'Fuckin' nada."

But these days the thing about incomprehensibility is that people aren't supposed to get it. In accordance with the new Zeitgeist, therefore, the title of the piece has in part been selected — "sampled" — from Lou Reed's wise advice,



New Yorker: Reservoir Frogs | ● The door is closed

"Don't eat at places called Mama's." in a recent issue of this magazine. To forestall any attempts at exeges is ("Author, Citing Dada's Erst. while Esotericism, Opposes Present-Day 'Mamaist' Obfuscations"), I confess that as a title it means nothing at all: but then the very concept of meaning is now outdated, nerdy, pre-ironic. Welcome to the New Incomprehensibil-ity: gibberish with attitude. Salman Rushdie admitting to meaning nothing at all. The piece was entitled Reservoir Frogs (or, Places Called Ma-

#### Bonkers

STATUS of Paul's Extra Refrigerator at Wed 18 11.30 1996

The refrigerator is 48 degrees Fahrenheit. 9 degrees Celsius

ma's). The New Yorker.

 The freezer compartment is 12 degrees Fahrenheit, —10 degrees Celsius.

The Diet Coke can is 41 degrees Fahrenheit, 5 degrees Celsius.

It is dark in here

Coke is frequently colder than the refrigerator? Answer: The refrigerator temperature is not uniform. It is below freezing up by the coils at the top of the compart-

Question: How come the Diet.

ment, and warm by the gap in the door seal where the wires enter the refrigerator. Tub status as of Wed September 18 11.33 1996 Paul's hot tub is a bit warm at: about 104 degrees Fahrenheit It is nice outside at about 69 degrees Fahrenheit. The ozone generator is not on. The cover is closed. Where do these people come from: Paul's update comes every day. Tomorrow Jackdaw will exclusively give its renders,

Waving to Paul's Cats." His home page is at www.ham.juhow to get to his house if any one were interested in visiting Jackdaw wants jewels. E-mail

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# Finance Guardian

# Morgan sacks Peter Young Time to cut the

Fund manager dismissed as Imro inquiry gets underway

Nichard Miles

ETER YOUNG, the fund manager at vestigation by City watchdog Imro into irregularities at Morgan Grenfell Asset Management, has been sacked for "gross misconduct", the investment

bank said yesterday.
High flier Mr Young was
suspended two weeks ago and
his personal assets frozen
after Morgan Grenfell halted dealings in three European investment funds, leaving 90,000 investors in limbo for

A spokesman for the invest-ment bank declined to elabo-rate on the reasons for Mr Young's dismissal, but the term "gross misconduct" cov-ers a broad spread of offences, including fraud. Mr Young's lawyers. Peters & Peters, have consistently denied any

fraud on his part.

Morgan Grenfell said it does not plan any further legal action against Mr Young "at this stage", but it is understood that the bank is waiting to see whether the Serious Fraud Office launches an investigation before going to the courts for a second time. An SFO decision is expected within a fortnight.

Mr Young, aged 38, was unavailable for comment at his £450,000 home in Amersham last night. He told newspapers last week that Morgan Grenfell had made him a

capegoal. Imro said that Mr Young's dismissal would not affect its investigation into the three stricken funds, which at their peak attracted £1.4 billion,

MRANCESCO Caio, managing director of Olivetti, the troubled Ital-

ian office equipment and

computer glant, resigned last

night at an emergency board meeting after less than three months in the job. Early reports suggested that other board members had also ten-

A statement from Olivetti

named Mr Cajo's successor as

Roberto Colaninno, managing

director of Sogefi, an auto

components company con-

trolled by ex-Olivetti chair-

man Carlo De Benedetti. Italian observers suggested

dered their resignation.



Denying offences . . . Peter Young with his wife Harmanna and children George, 3, and Henry, 2, at their Amersham home

imro rules". It added that Mr Young could not work else-where in a similar capacity without its approval.

Mr Young, recruited to Morgan Granfell from Mercury Asset Management four years ago, ran two of the funds under investigation. the £788 million European ridual he is still bound by £444 million offshore Euro-

weeks ago. He speaks for 14 per cent of Olivetti stock

through his CIR holding com-

pany which also owns Sogefi.

Olivetti soared on speculation

of the move. The stock, after falling 19 per cent in the first

two days of the week, rose 10 per cent to 510 lire yesterday

had risen in over a week. The shake-up at the top of

Olivetti was expected to ex-

tend to other members of the board of the loss-making com-

pany, including Antonio Te-

sone, who became chairman

Mr Caio was placed under

on Sentember 3.

last night that the move rep-resented a new effort by Mr day, then on Tuesday it

- the first time its shares

During the day, shares in

Uliveπi snares repound as

shake-out at top confirmed

strange" by former colleagues and friends, Mr Young had a passion for small high-tech nology companies, particu-larly in Scandinavia. In May over 35 per cent of the funds' portfolio was invested in highly illiquid, unquoted stocks, even though Imro imposes a ceiling of 10 per cent.

18 years until he was ousted | ing Mr De Benedetti and Mr | Pronto Italia, the holder of It-in a boardroom coup two | Tesone — had been targeted | aly's second GSM mobile

in the same inquiry. The judges' investigation, like an-other being conducted by

Consob, the bourse watchdog,

centres around suspicions that figures published in the company's Interim report

The uncertainty surround-ing Olivetti's financial post-

ing which over the past fort-night has rocked the com-

pany, wiping more than a third off its stock market value. However, buy orders from abroad have led to ris-

ing speculation that a creeping takeover may be taking

Milan sources noted that at

were misleading.

pean Capital Growth Fund. Mr Young set up a secretive Described as "seriously web of Luxembourg-registered holding companies to channel money into such candinavian firms, breaking a second Imro rule which bars funds from holding any more than 10 per cent of

single company.
Imro, which will spend the
next few months trying to untangle this web of holding

Yesterday, Olivetti's shares maintained their reputation

for stomach-churning volatil-ity. Trading was blocked five times as the rise in the share price continually exceeded

technical limits on price vari-

ations. This was in contrast to earlier sessions, when trad-

ing was suspended for exces-sive falls in the price. Analysts said that Olivetti's

partial clarification of the fig-

ures contained in its interim report had calmed some of the

fears over the company's fl-

pancial position.
The clarification was pub-

lished yesterday morning after Consob had taken the

company a 24-hour ultimatum

phone licence.

companies. dropped accountants Deloitte & Touche from its team of in-

The City watchdog also said it had launched an investiga-tion into 100 other unit trusts

tablish that sufficient controis are in place.

Thousands of investors pulled out of the stricken Morgan Grenfell funds when dealing resumed a week ago, but redemptions levelled out at £300 million after the German parent Deutsche Bank it had launched an investigation into 100 other unit trusts into the trusts and pledged to holding unquoted stocks to estimate the control of the control of

#### vestigators in favour of Arthur Andersen after discovering a "potential conflict of interest" at Deloitte's Luxembourg arm.

rule change nears

Granada ups its YTTV stake as

Lisa Buckingham

HE race for supremacy in Britain's terrestrial television network quickened yesterday when Granada confirmed it had raised its shareholding in Yorkshire-Tyne Tees.
The move follows specula-

tion that rival Carlton is contemplating a takeover bid for HTV, the Welsh and West Country broadcaster. It also coincides with pre-dictions from Ulster TV,

which yesterday reported a 27 per cent rise in profits to £4.67 million, that the fortunes of ITV companies will improve significantly in 1997. Although Granada main-tains its official line that a takeover bid for Yorkshire is still undecided, the company confirmed it has exercised warrants in the regional broadcaster to take its stake to a potential 27 per cent — up from the current 24 per cent.

In order not to fall foul of broadcasting regulations which restrict the number of ITV regional stations controlled by one group, Granada is "warehousing" the extra shares in a company owned jointly with its financial ad-

viser, Lazards. Shares in YTTV rose by an utive, Charles Allen, said it and a near 15 per cent stake was still weighing up its op- in Yorkshire.

neighbouring station. Granada, which said yesterday it is seeking to sell more hotels after its £3.9 billion ac-quisition of Forte, spent its stake by nearly 10 per cent to 24 per cent. The outlay anticipated an easing in the Government's broadcasting

The company has sought to reduce speculative interest in YTTV's shares, by hinting that it may walk away from a full bid. But few in the industry are prepared to accept that Granada will rest with less than total control.

Carlton TV, which owns the London weekday station as well as Central TV, is also understood to be attempting expansion through the acquisition of HTV, once broadcas ownership restrictions are lifted, probably in early

That will mean the replacement of rules which impose an ownership ceiling of two regional ITV franchises with a requirement that media groups should not control more than 15 per cent of the national cudioners.

national audience.

Observers predict that the commercial terrestrial network will soon be dominated other 5p to 1155p, even United News, whose TV inter-though Granada's chief exec- ests include Meridian, Anglia

#### Fat controller faces £1.5m worth of 'warm, fluffy' characters

Andrew Culf

THOMAS the Tank Engine is about to get some new friends. The animation group Britt Allcroft has signed a £1.5 million deal to develop a new range of chil-dren's characters aimed at the worldwide television market.

The partnership with VCI, Britain's largest inde-pendent video and publishing group, will allow it to promote the new characters through merchandis-ing, books and audio CD.

Britt Allcroft — which is seeking a £5 million Stock

fund international expansion — is planning "warm, cuddly" characters that will appeal to younger children and parents alike. It hopes to capitalise on the reaction in the US against violent cartoons such as Power Rangers and a move towards gentler, more edu-cational programming.

Britt Allcroft's television version of Thomas the Tank Engine helped it make a pre-tax profit of £2 million last year. It has also successfully developed Mumfie, a little pink elepbant.

A new joint venture production company. Moonseeking a £5 million Stock beam Limited, will be es-Exchange flotation to help tablished under the deal.

# Old Lady loose



Edited by Alex Brummer

MAGINE for a moment that the United Kingdom — like the US, Germany and now France — had an independent central bank. If that were the case there is no doubt, election timetable notwithstand-ing, that it would have moved by now to raise base rates by

at least one-quarter of a point

to 6 per cent. to 6 per cent.

The probability that the authorities would miss their inflation target down the road without a monetary tightening was evident when the Governor Eddie George met the Chancellor in July. If that was the case then the fresh was the case then, the fresh evidence provided by the lat-est retall sales and the narrow money figures for August would make it inevitable.

But despite the more open monstary framework, put in place after the Conservative ERM debacle in the autumn of 1992, the Bank of England's authority over monetary policy is still exercised at the Chancellor's discretion. The Bank can weigh up the eco-nomic and financial probabilities as much as it likes, but in the end the Chancellor's in-

stinct is what counts. Certainly, in terms of pro-ducing the pre-election boomet which John Major needs, Mr Clarke's decision to ignore the advice on Threadneedle Street is working. The year-on-year 4.4 per cent in-crease in retail sales, together with a bucket of anecdotal evidence from sports car sales to record results from John lewis, signal unequivocally that the feel-good era is returning. With the Stock Exchange holding its Big Bang celebration bash next week, it may start to feel just like late

1980s all over again.
There is no immediate danger, of course, that inflation is about to spill out of control. Although as the output gap closes, asset prices climb, public sector pay is pushed up and oil prices begin to bubble there will be no shortage of forward danger signals. Thus every quarter-point base rate rise now, may save a far big-ger one after the election. If Mr Clarke keeps his courage, then the penalty for a succei sor government could well be having to raise interest rates a full point or more in its first week in office: before moving on to the higher taxes needed

to resolve the fiscal deficit. But there is an opportunity for Tony Blair and Gordon Brown in this scenario. If they really want to convince the international financiers and the City that they are more serious about low inflation and prudent economics than the incumbents, they should pledge to create an in-dependent Bank of England. with discretion to move interest rates on its own, rather than the Government's time-

ing a monetary council do not go far enough.

#### Mersey booster

ORD's lament — as it has been challenged by Japanese producers — has always been that it is saddled with old-fashioned and inherently inefficient plants. The Japanese were said to have an advantage with ultra-modern plants, pliant single-union deals and handpicked work-

forces. For Halewood this translated into a constant rumour over its future. On countless toying with the politically un-palatable proposal of sbutting Halewood and relying on sis-ter plants to produce the Es-cort. Ford had to re-educate itself and its workforce in new working practices even as it pushed through a savage programme of rationalisation with nearly 50,000 UK jobs go-

ing in the 1980s.
The process has not been smooth, but Ford's plants ap-pear transformed. Management and unions have achieved something close to unity on the need to boost productivity and quality. But there is a limit to what can be achieved by Ford on its own. For its next big leap forward, the company is looking to leverage expertise in outside

suppliers.
Ford and its US rival GM have been starstruck by "big ldeas" before. At Ford, it was buying components from just one supplier — until strike threats proved such depen-

dency unwise.
The danger with outsource ing is that it will prove to be another corporate fad with few long-term benefits. But it does appear to have real logic for Halewood, allowing the plant to share the costs of new technology and the benefits of manufacturing techniques with a select band of suppliers secured by long-term connese makers do.

The potential for Mersey side is immense. It could breakthrough that the region — now bolstered by priority EU development status — needs to rival Scotland. Wales and the north-east in attracting inward investors.

#### Lone nuts

IVEN the £200 million hole punctured in the accounts of Deutsche Morgan Grenfeli (DMG) and the anguish caused to some 90,000 investors in the three affected European trusts. It is not surprising that Peter Young has been summarily dismissed for "gross miscon-duct". What would be unforgivable, however, is if DMG believes that matters should end there. As was the case at end there. As was the case at Barings, the City is only too eastly wooed by the "lone nut" theory because it is al-ways that much tidier for the authorities. But while Mr Young may have been respon-sible for the loss-making decisions, those he reported to and those responsible for en-suring compliance with the table, now. New Labour's cur-rent, unformed ideas on creat-regarded as culpable.

banking centres in Basel,

Geneva and Zurich instead of the current 15 and the closure

of 80 branches, is the second shake-up in four months after the splitting of its global busi-

ness into four groups.

It follows similar action taken by CS (Credit Suisse)
Holding, which is axeing 5,000

plunge the institution into a "one-time technical loss" of

SF1.9 billion for the current year. Group net profit is ex-pected to be SF1.4 billion, be-fore the extraordinary charges

are made. Its extraordinary charges, however, result from

its setting up of a SF2.4 billion

reserve to "absorb volatility

in annual provisioning.

### SBC to axe 1,700 and close branches in bid to lift profits making similar moves," said Patrick Carisch, who man-ages Sf550 million at Swiss Volksbank. The SBC move, which will result in three

Sarah Whitebloom

SWISS Bank Corporation yesterday unveiled radi-cal plans to axe 1,700 jobs and close a quarter of its Swiss branches in a bid to boost flagging profits.

It is also to take extraordinary charges of SF3.3 billion (£1.7 billion) to provide a cushion against potential

future losses on loans. SBC, Switzerland's third largest bank, has been hit by jobs worldwide, and Union recessionary pressures along with the rest of the previously unassailable Swiss banking plunge the institution into a

Its move comes as rising credit risk provisions have eaten into profits from invest-ment banking which is centred in London and Chi-cago. It bought City invest-ment bank SG Warburg for

\$1.3 billion last year.
"All three Swiss banks are

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# to forecast

Nichard Miles

current prices, shares in Oli- unusual step of giving the

PDFM, one of the UK's big-gest pension managers,

The company, formerly known as Phillips & Drew Fund Management, denied it was taking a huge gamble with its customers' money, claiming that all the warning signals that would indicate trouble ahead are present in

In a statement, PDFM, which manages £50 billion on behalf of company pension schemes, said: "We have every confidence in our current stance, which will be maintained. PDFM's approach is designed to provide searchis long term invest. sensible long-term invest-ments for our clients."

Since early last year, PDFM has kept 15 per cent of the as-sets under its management in cash or securities that could easily by turned into cash. But critics say PDFM has missed out on one of the biggest stockmarket rallies in

### PDFM sticks that market set to fall

has defended its decision — reported in yesterday's Guardian — to hold £10 billion of clients' assets in cash, forecasting an stockmarket crash to rival the 1987 slump when billions were wiped off shares.

the market. In a statement, PDFM,

# Management ready to back investment at Halewood on condition outside suppliers take over parts production



# Price of a new Ford Escort: dole for 1,000

TO 1,000 jobs are to be axed at Ford's Halewood car plant on Merseyside as the price of investment to build the next version of the Escort. in a move that would affect close to a quarter of the workforce in the car body and asplans for an sembly plant. Ford wants to replace in-house production with outside suppliers in the being considered manufacture and assembly of components to cut costs and for Dagenham boost productivity.

The company is trying to persuade component compa-ntes to set up factories nearby, on a new industrial park, to supply Halewood. Local aid agencies are backing the creation of the park as a way of creating hundreds of new jobs and revitalising the

Talking of the creation of a "wrap-around factory", one executive said last night: The multiplier effect in terms of jobs could be huge." Similar plans for an indus-

Talking of the creation of a wrap-around factory', one executive said: 'The multiplier effect in terms of jobs could be huge.' Similar

ation for the Ford plant at Dagenham in Essex. Although trade unions and

industrial park are

the company were tight-lipped yesterday, Ford is understood to have held extensive talks with unions in an attempt to secure their agreement. The Merseyside factory makes 800 cars a day and employs 4.500 people; a further 1,200 in a gearbox fac-tory are unaffected. thought to favour the plan as a means of securing the plant's long term future, pro-viding Ford tries to persuade suppliers to take on the

ousted workers. The unions will also seek a guarantee that there will be no compulsory redundancies and expect the outsourcing to be phased in rather than introduced abruptly. No agreement has been reached.
In the 1980s Halewood suf-

fered from a reputation for poor quality and productiv-ity. Faced with closure threats, local management and the workforce have worked hard to improve competitiveness. Although the plant is not

among Ford's best performing European factories, quality has risen sharply and senior management is under stood to be ready to back its long-term future, providing the outsourcing goes ahead. The new Escort is due to go into production in 1998. Ford has told Halewood's sister plants on the Continent — Saarlouis in south-west Ger-

- that they will make the



The way it was  $\dots$  Corsairs roll off the production line in the 1960s (left) but Halewood has also frequently been the site of industrial dispute as shown by dissenting workers leaving a mass meeting above

not been given. Outsourcing of the type planned for Halewood is already in place at Saarlouis and Valencia. By using outside suppliers to make and as-

semble sub-assemblies which are then sent to the Ford factory as and when they are needed — the company will hope to cut its costs and use its suppliers' expert-

commitment to Halewood has | used by Japanese car manufacturers Local inward investment agencies are thought to have

prepared marketing plans and aid packages to persuade component companies to set up on Merseyside. Such firms would be eligible for state aid providing certain criteria. including job creation, are met. Although Ford has started preparations for making the

told suppliers that they must be ready to move to the industrial park, the company may withhold a final decision on the investment until it has se-cured ald agreement in principle from the Government.

To secure that aid the com-pany must be able to tell the Government that the investment would be placed elsewhere unless funds are given. Ford's decision will also de-

to back the idea. Ford declined to comment last night, but an announcement about the Escort is likely

Halewood's cars will be sold

This year the factory has suf-

fered bouts of downtime due

to slack demand. If the new

car were forecast to sell more

strongly, then Halewood

run — and Ford's US manage

ment in Dearborn more likely

would be more economic to

Roller coaster ride for Mersey plant

sleep) bookie

OR a plant which started its life with such promise, Halewood has had to spend a great deal of its 33-year existence overshadowed by uncertainty. Sited on a plot of Mer

side land, bought in 1959 when Ford was refused per-mission to expand its East London Dagenham plant the Halewood plant was finally completed in 1963. At the time, Ford was plotting its future European strategy. It was determined to back its growin market position in the UK with an expanded pres But it was equally careful not to loosen its foothold in continental Europe when Britain remained decidedly sceptical about the future

of European Community. As Halewood was being put together in the North-west, Ford was also building a new plant at Genk in Belgium. The US group new has 12 key manufacturing sites in Europe producing nearly 1.5 million cars

But Halewood and its southern cousin at Dagen-ham have always been lumped together in Ford demonology as epitomising all that is wrong with UK car production.

Throughout the 1980s and early 1990s Ford was struggling to meet the challenge of Japanese carmakers setting up shop in its British backyard. It launched a massive serie of job-cuts which reduced the UK workforce by nearly 50,000. The process continued into the early 1990s which saw Ford of Britain plunge to three years of

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In fact, Halewood's per formance has now been transformed, although it has remained heavily dependent on the UK car mar-ket since little production

devastating losse

## Market worries over what's in store for Next

Outlook/ Shares fall despite retailer's progress, writes **Pauline Springett** 

EXT'S profits were slightly above expectations. Nevertheless the shares fell, thanks to a combination of factors. Analysts were disappointed with the rise in sales compared to last year and there had been wide-spread anticipation that the company might pull out a spectacular set of results.

Which is not to say that Next has underperformed. Yesterday's half-year results showed that the fashion chain is chugging along nicely. The big question mark is over its future — where does the real growth come from, given that it operates in a highly competitive UK market and its

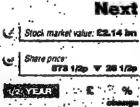
Yesterday's results showed that the sales and profits of all Next's main activities have increased over the past six months. The company also seems to have a knack of posi-tioning itself well within the competitive marketplace of high street women's fashion wear. Next scores in this cutthroat market because it is well focused. It knows its custhem with too many options

the range is relatively restricted and fashionable without being outlandish.

As chief executive David Jones said: "We are not a fashion leader, we are a fash-ion follower." Next custom-ers wanted clothes which were in good taste and would last more than one season.

Next plans to keep roughly its current number of stores. but is moving from smaller to larger premises. Neither prices to the customer nor ceptibly shifted since last year and so margins are largely unchanged. Childrenswear is selling

more, but these clothes com-mand lower prices than adult clothes and so are not the main future profit driver.



Pro-tex profit ... Sour ... +12. Edmings /share 18.9p Dividendiahare, 5.0p +23 Operating profit £m

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overseas operations have yet to set the world ablaze? and turnover has doubled in the past two years. But the in-

teriors business takes up a lot of space in the shops and is only sold in 60 plus of Next's 306 high street stores. Next Directory is also showing promising signs, with sales up 23 per cent and operating profit up by 42 per cent. The company has just launched an advertising campaign to boost this side of its

operations. Outside UK, the franchised operation appears to be going well, with stores operating in Europe, the Middle East, the Far East and Japan. Next now has 20 franchised stores and is planning to open a further 10 stores shortly. The French store, which

has been open a year, is doing badly and if things do not pick up it could be closed. In the US a disappointing start is being viewed with greater equanity. equanimity - a revamp is already underway. In the long run Next may well use some of its comfortable cash pile to Next Interiors is also enjoying a mini-boom thanks to the should not hold its breath. interest in home decorating any US foray will be slow.

### BA to shed 5,000 jobs to hone competitive edge Check-in could be sold off — but

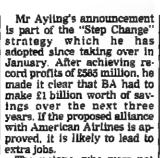
'a lot of money' will cushion blow

Keith Harper Transport Editor

RITISH Airways was last night preparing to contract out engineering, baggage handling and check-in work in a "second transformation" which will mean 5,000 job cuts in the next 18 months.

BA chief executive Bob Ayling said he hoped that most of the job losses will be achieved by early retirement or by staff leaving voluntarily. To soften the blow, BA will offer "a lot of money" to those who want to go, but cannot rule out compulsory redundancies.

Most of the jobs will disappear at BA's largest employment centres at Gatwick and Heathrow—in engineering refuelling, baggage handling and check-in which could be sold off to outside firms. But it will continue to recruit cer-tain staff and expects that within three years that its numbers will be back to



The unions, who were not officially informed of the job losses until last night, expressed "deep concern". Sean Keating, national officer of the GMB general union, said it would press BA to make sure that the redundancies were voluntary.

"BA is an extremely profitable and successful company, and we will do our best to see that change is by consent." Mr Keating ruled out strike

action at this stage. Staff fear that the job losses and contracting-out, due to begin in November, could lead to a decline in quality 55,000, the total employed at | and affect the company's good



Mr Ayling, however, be-lieves that BA still bears

He said yesterday that while it had flourished as a private company, it had to face up to greater challenges from the market. "Our customers expect more, but our



Facing greater market challenges . . . Bob Ayling

some of the trappings of the nationalised industry it was up to 10 years ago, and that it Is not as efficient or as com-petitive as it should be.

tomers expect more, but our ing to generate £50 million in cost of providing a seat has fees, will be doubled.

#### customers pay in a highly competitive marketplace." Mr Ayling did not expect wholesale job changes, and looked forward to employing new recruits, skilled in customer service and languages. A "strategy of investment and improved profitability" meant that "some jobs will go. some will be outsourced and some will be relocated. We will grow and improve."

In some cases employees may be redeployed, retrained or offered jobs with new

Areas for efficiency savings have been identified. British Airways Engineering has been restructured as a separate business and the company has not ruled out allowing outside investors to take

stakes in it. BA said it will work with employees to ensure that cargo handling and passenger revenue accounting are carried out at external market prices.

New Interactive flight entertainment is expected to produce subtantial revenue and the airline's franchise business, built up from noth-

#### hast train to Gatwick may ease Heathrow snarl-ups

PLANS to open a 75-minute rail link between Heathrow and Gatwick are to be submitted to the Terminal 5 inquiry by BAA as part of the airport operator's alm to shift 50 per cent of Heathrow's pas sengers on to public trans-port. writes Keith Harper.

The route, via central London, will be made possible by the £350 million Heathrow Express line to Paddington due for completion within two years. It is one of six options BAA is considering with the private sector to make further use of the line and its 16 minute journey time.

The other plans are for a train-an-hour service from Manchester and Birmingham, which would mean building a spur off the West Coast main line, and a regular link to the south-west of Heathrow. bringing the prospect of direct services from Reading and Waterley. and Waterloo.

Michael Maine, BAA's tech- dren or lots of luggage."

"Given our huge spending on airport infrastructure, we are doing everything possible to encourage public transport into Heathrow. This will not only benefit travellers to the airport, but also London and

the South-east."
Railtrack is working with BAA and potential operators on track improvements. This would require private capital and a more progessive atti-tude to investment than has been shown in the industry in

recent years.

BAA also announced that face an extra 35p charge for not using public transport.
The £1.25 million a year sxpected to be raised will be

spent on improving rail, coach and bus connections. The new parking fee will affect the airport's 18,000 parking spaces for visitors, while private owners of another 10,000 spaces are also likely to be asked to join the scheme. Motorists already pay be tween £13.80 and £30 a day. The AA said: "It is all very well for BAA to talk about public transport, but it is often inconvenient for people. especially if they have chil-

August with a 5-1 win at

Dan Atkinson

Underside

................. OCIALIST peer Lord Hollick — boss of, inter alia, the Express news-paper group — made some colleagues here feel deeply unloved last Friday when he launched a quarter-hour telephone rant suggesting our coverage of his results the previous day failed to achieve the high standards of accuracy long associated with the Express titles. We need not have fretted. Doyen of the media writers, the Financial Times's Ray Snoddy, was treated to a similar barrage. Meanwhile, we hear, Lord Hol-lick's "partner". United's chairman Lord Stevens, continues to be "con-sulted". Pip pip, old boy.

\*HE Chancellor was guest of honour at the 10th birthday on Monday of London Economics, the forecasting outfit that boasts former Downing Street personage Sarah Hogg among its brainboxes.

Three Pints entertained the | performance at York in | 27 1986, but the re-writing | News in brief boffins with a jolly tour d'horizon of anniversaries and birthdays in general. Strangely enough, given he was speaking on September 16, there was one birthday he failed to mention: the fourth anniversary of White Wednesday. Must bave slipped his mind.

OVENT Garden PR man Victor Trocki's best-known client — two-year-old "race" horse Easycall — redeemed him-self after his three-legged



Doncaster on Saturday. Victor ("if it moves, publicise it") bad little time to count his winnings, how-ever. Tuesday night saw him mastermind the open-ing of Le Bidule in Chalk Farm. an eatery specialis-ing in French/South American food. Given that France's only known foot-ing in Latin America is French Guyana, the ace rocket base with a rather nice colony attached, per-haps Le Bidule ought to be renamed Cuisine Arlane. And then on to Victor's next client, a doorknob. Or rather, the "state of the art door decor" produced by ironmonger Charles Col-

quite. Don't ever change. Back to birthdays:
next Wednesday
marks Year 10 of the **Great Capitalist Revolution** — Big Bang. Or. at least, it does for the Stock Exchange. The codgers among us may remember that decontrol of stockbroking actually occurred on October

linge: "you can't just call them doorknobs" enthuses

the ultimate PR man. No.

of history has been marketdriven, apparently. Next week was the only "window" (uurgh!) available for use of the lamented pre-Bang trading floor: Liffe, the stripey-blazer deriva-tives operation, will have taken charge by the time of the real Geburtsung.

HO'D have thought Lord Sterling was a modern romancer? The first lord of shipping is ably flexible in his attachments. Only a week or so ago. Sterling was crediting the decision to merge his container shipping opera-tions with those of Nedlloyd to a "cultural compati-bility": to the fact he could share a pint and a discus-sion of music with his opposite number at the Dutch shipping line. Into bed at one minute. But then swiftly out the other side when his partner became an encumbrance. So much for sharing a pint or Newt

### Losses pile up at British Biotech

INCREASED losses of £8 million were yesterday unveiled by British Biotech, the pharmaceuticals concern, for the three British Biotech, the pharmaceuticals concern, for the three months to the end of July. The company maintained that the losses were within budget. The company maintained that progress on two drugs during the quarter was very significant, with further news on the compounds expected in two months. Lexpifant, a drug to treat acute pancreatitis, the firm's first treatment, is set to be launched early next year. Peak turnover of £300 million a year is being forecast for the drug. British Biotech was one of several such outfits to float this year. Investors were taken by surprise in July when the firm made a £143 million cash call.

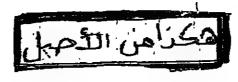
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### **Hostile funeral offer**

MERGER mania yesterday knocked at death's door as Service MERCIER Mania yesterday knocked at death s door as between Corp International. America's largest funeral parlour business, launched a hostile bid for its Canadian rival, Loewen. Although based in Canada. Loewen.— North America's second largest—has virtually all its assets in the US. The offer, a share swap, is valued at \$2.8 billion.

Should the takeover succeed, it would result in a company with 3.750 funeral homes and 600 cemetaries, consolidating the fragmented "death services" in one fell swoop. But as the deat would merge the two largest players in the funeral parlour industry, it would come under antitrust scrutiny. — Mark Tran in New York



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yesterday's Grass Widows Maiden Stakes at Sandown. Few punters could afford to back her at prohibitive odds of 30-100 yesterday, although one high-roller decided this was a gilt-edged opportunity to buy money and waded in with a bet of £7,500 to win 12,500.

Sleepytime to be out of the ordinary and she certainly con-firmed his view with a canter-

ing five-lengths success.

Pat Eddery never moved a muscle, except in his neck as he looked round for non-existent dangers as the filly quickened on her own a furlong and a half out.

"You could have nide."

She is likely to have one

long and a half out.

"You could have ridden more run this season in that," said Eddery to Cacil as either the Ascot Fillies Mile

ber meeting the Murphy's Irish Craic to mark the renaming of the Mackeson Gold Cup as the Murphy's

Gold Cup.

The three-day Friday to

Sunday fixture beginning on November 15 will, like

the March National Hunt

Festival, have a distinct

Cheltenham put on Irish Craic

CHELTENHAM have re-christened their Novem-ber meeting the Murphy's paying a travel allowance of £750 for travel allowance of £750 for

he dismounted. They or the Rockfel Stakes at New-couldn't go fast enough for market, but Cecil has plenty

her. Cecil was clearly deeply im-pressed and this prompted one of his more playful moods

one of his more playful moods afterwards.
"I think she's potentially useful, don't you?" he enquired of the assembled press corps. "She's never been off the bit at home, but she's being doing it very well. I'm almost as excited as I was a year ago with Bosra Sham.
"She's a hig filly — over 18

"She's a big filly — over 16 hands — and the good thing is she's very relaxed. I don't think she would want it too firm — she jarred a shoulder r2.500.

There was never any danger of him not collecting and it was just a question of waiting a couple of minutes to pick up the cash.

Caril had made no secret of Caril had made no secret of Sieenvtime, but her dam.

for Sleepytime, but her dam. Alidiva, is by Chief Singer so the 1,000 Guineas rather than the Oaks looks to be her race next season.

every Irish horse which runs in one of the eight

In addition to supporting

all six races on the Satur-

day, Whitbread are to spon-sor the £8,000-added Mur-phy's "In A Bottle" Hurdle

(formerly the ASW Hurdle)

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is down to nine horses in her Epsom yard. This is the other end of the

market, but Cecil has plenty to choose from with Reams of

high in his batting order. Cecil is happy with the way

Bosra Sham continues to pro-gress towards her showdown with Mark Of Esteem in the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes at

Ascot on Saturday week, but is uncertain as to whether Dushyantor will run in next month's Prix de l'Arc de

"He's come out of the Leger all right, but we wonder whether the Arc is the right race for him," sald Cecil.

Bosra Sham is a 41 chance with Hill's for the QE II behind Mark Of Esteem, who is the 2-1 favourite, and Ashka-

The Eddery faithful looked

as if they would collect when No Cliches led inside the final

furlong in the Scottish Equit-able Handicap only to be worn down in the final strides

by Superior Force, ridden by

Superior Force was a wel-come fifth winner of the sea-

Triomphe.

spectrum. For every prosper-ing Cecil there are 20 trainers struggling to make ends meet.

"They say there's too much racing, but mine can't get a run," said Miss Sanders. "I've had five balloted out this week. It's uphill all the way." Different whip rules for Flat and National Hunt riders are a possibility when the Jockey Club's disciplinary committee discusses propos-als for change at its meeting on November 27. At the moment whip instruction H9, the subject of much criticism after the whip suspensions Besides ceilidh bands and on Friday and the £7.000 which accompanied the finish frish food stands it is hoped added Murphy's Novice to Saturday's Pertemps St Le-



Fast filly . . . Pat Eddery and Sleepytime are led into the winner's enclosure after their

#### **SPORTS NEWS 13**

Rugby League

### Betts puts his experience behind Farrell

in positive mood for the Pacific tour

ENIS BETTS does not attempt to disguise his disappointment at missing out on the Great Britain captaincy for the tour of Papua New Guinea, Fiji and New Zealand which starts next week starts next week.
That has gone instead to
Betts's former Wigan col-

Betts's former Wigan colleague Andy Farrell, at 21 Great Britain's youngest ever captain. As far as Betts is concerned, that appointment has come too soon but he does not intend to spend the next fire to spend the next five

at Wigan, is in a position to give his young skipper in-valuable insight into the problems the team can ex-pect in Papua New Guinea and New Zealand in

Betts intends to give Farrell every assistance. "And I intend to listen to him,"

For Betts there are al-ready strong parallels be-tween this tour and 1990 when a squad which lost a clutch of experienced players before the start cluding the captain Ellery Hanley — won the Test series 2-1 against New Zealand.

That tour, under the captaincy of Warrington's Mike Gregory, helped to re-establish Great Britain's which had all but run dry during the Eighties.

Paul Fitzpatrick finds | "We did not get off to the best of starts," recalls the GB vice-captain | Betts. "We were beaten by Panua New Guinea in the Papua New Guinea in the first Test and that defeat could have had two effects. It could have dragged us apart or dragged us closer together.

"It dragged us closer together and we went on to win a Test series in New Zealand which nobody gave us a hope in hell of

winning.
"Tours tend to make or break people. Many of the players who came back

to spend the next five weeks or so sulking in his tent.

As Farrell's vice-captain, the 27-year-old Betts, now may be been drafted in. They now have the opportunity As Farrell's vice-tapians, the 27-year-old Betts, now have the opportunity to establish themselves ahead of those players who, pulled out of the tour. But they will have to stand up and be counted. There will not be any easy games out there.

For Frank Endacott, the New Zealand coach whom Betts knows well from his Anckland connection, this tour is the highlight of his career. It is something he has worked steadfastly towards, says Betts, and he is desperate to see the Kiwis win their first series against Great Britain since

1984. Great Britain depart tomorrow and play Papua New Guinea a week on Sat-urday. They play two matches, including a Test, in Fiji before moving on to New Zealand, where they international credibility will play Tests at Palmer-which had all but run dry during the Eighties. will play Tests at Palmer-ston North, Anckland and Christchurch.

### there will be a huge in-crease in Irish-trained run-Sunday. Hurdle on ger, applies to jockeys of both codes,

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 Michael Roberts, the 42-year-old former champion jockey, returned from a seven-week lay-off with a fractured left wrist by winning yesterday's Golden Jubilee Challenge Handicap

at Yarmouth on Secret Aly. • Kevin Darley completed a 511-1 four-timer at Beverley yesterday, scoring on Scarrots, White Hot, Lyrical Bid and

Committed

Chelsea ride

early shock

Second round, first leg Blackpool 1, Chelsea 4

HELSEA may be

following a first-minute goal

by Blackpool was all the more creditable. Still unbeaten this season, Chelsea should com-fortably pass into the third

Biackpool's players were

seen leaving the Tangerine Nitecap club opposite the

ground an hour before the game but judging by the start they made whatever they had

Michael Walker

### COCA-COLA CUP



Full stretch . . . Andy Gray of Leeds challenges as Mark Barnard clears for Darlington at Elland Road last night

Barnet 1, West Ham United 1

LITTLE man who

# Cottee spares Hammers' blushes

Mark Redding

Coventry City 1

Late Daish

dash saves

Sky Blues

Birmingham City 1

THE Old Pals' Act retained its healthy constitution last night as Trevor Francis's Birmingham City and Ron Atkinson's £18 million misfits shared the honours in a curiously muted West Midlands

A deflected shot from the long in the 38th minute gave side the lead they scarcely deserved before Liam Daish, a former Birmingham player, equalised 10 minutes from

Atkinson it was who res cued Francis's career when he took him on as a player at Sheffield Wednesday after he Was sacked as manager of Queens Park Rangers. As is the way of life in the Premiership. Atkinson was soon out of the door to be succeeded as Wednesday manager by

Francis. Salako almost put Coventry ahead in the third minute. Dublin freed Whelan down the right and from the byline he turned the ball back inside to Telfer. The winger's crisp cross was met by the head of instantly, tipping the ball over the bar.

Whether it was the wintry chill or the discouragingly low attendance the game was having difficulty getting going and once more the tempo dropped.

Seven minutes from halftime McAllister endeavoured to liven things up when he freed Whelan in the insideright position but again Bennett's legs rescued the visitors. Then, as the ball was hoofed upfield, Birmingham scored completely against the run of play.

It was their first shot on target and typically it needed a deflection to get anywhere inside the woodwork

The ungainly Furlong picked the clearance up on the right outside the area. struck a speculative shot that clipped Daish's legs and the former Birmingham centrehalf was left horror-struck as the ball trickled past a comically flat-footed Ogrizovic and inside his left-hand post.

It was Furlong's fourth goal since his £1.5 million summer move from Chelsea and came against the club with whom he started his professional

A goal for Coventry was proving as illusive as a Scottish bishop. They have man-aged only three all season, two of those coming in last Saturday's defeat of Leeds which lifted them off the foot of the Premiership. Whelan did go close in the 52nd minute, though, his rising full-blooded drive somehow touched over the bar by

Coventry City: Ogrizo-ic: Berrows, Daish, Shaw Burrows, Telfer Richardson, McAllister, Satisso Oublin, Wholan Birmingham Citys Bonneti, Poolo, Ablett, Bruco, Brivon, Castle, Bowen, Horio,

Martin Thorpe some wonderful flowing

has rescued West the Football League. An early warning came for West Ham when the Bar-Ham on many im-portant occasions net full-back Gale fired in a did it again last night. With only 12 minutes left Tony 30-yard shot from the left Cottee rose to head home which Dicks was relieved to Lazarides cross to spare his clear for a corner.

team's blushes in a game they were about to lose. Despite all their international signings West Ham had a domestic look. Futre and Raducioiu were both iniured and Dumitrescu or international duty.

moves, belying their posi- from a loan period with Crewe after an injury to tion seventh from bottom of Miklosko. Rednapp bad been toying with bringing in the No. 3 keeper Peter Shilton on his 47th birth-

day. After watching that error he may have wished West Ham did have a few The bome side deservedly chances in the first half. took the lead in the 13th Dicks produced a 20-yard minute. Again another long drive from Gale came shot but Taylor did well to thundering towards the West Ham goalkeeper Mau-tone. But he could not hold into Moncur who shot over

push the ball for a corner. the ball, which bounced off | from close range

Certainly the Third Div- his chest and to Phil Simp- ision club found nothing son, who slotted the foreign about this standard rebound under the keeper. The Barnet keeper also leashed a flerce 20-yard bravely challenged Cottee shot which the Barnet to deny him a goal from keeper acrobatically tipped

Mautone was making his | Dowie's headed centre. De- | over the bar. West Ham was debut having been recalled | spite the lack of the afore- | showing much more unmentioned foreigners Redknapp introduced a fourth overseas player into his side for the second half, bringing on Lazaridis to try and increase the threat down the left-hand side.

It almost brought imme diate dividends. After just three minutes of the new half a mistake by McDonald let in Lazaridis on goal but his shot was well saved by the keeper.

Taylor had to be at his later when Lazaridis un-leashed a flerce 20-yard shot which the Barnet keeper acrobatically tipped

| Particle Region College Breather, Saltra, Danne, Saltra, later when Lazaridis un-

showing much more urgency now, no doubt stirred by a few well-chosen words from the manager during the break. Hughes shot just wide, as did Cottee from close range. However, Barnet still

showed they were danger ous. Wilson produced a threatening shot from 20 yards, saved by the keeper. and Devine, put through by Wilson, shot straight at the keeper when he should

have done better.

Scottish Coca-Cola Cup, fourth round: Rangers 4. Hibernian 0

## Gascoigne the lightning before the storm

Patrick Glenn

ANGERS' untroubled stroll into the semi-fin-als was assured long before Peter van Vossen scored his own second and Rangers third with a low left-foot drive from four yards 10 minutes from time and Jorg Alutes from the end with a ferocious 30-yard free-kick. The champions had subdued their visitors from Edinburgh with earlier scores in each half, building their studied early play into relent

coming and sense that dantage may be done, but full momentum takes some while to be reached. Without Brian Laudrup, it takes even longer.

The Danish virtuoso had to miss this game because of a hip injury and his absence utes from time and Jorg Al- was always going to reduce bertz got the fourth two min- the Ibrox side's effectiveness. Nobody else can do what Laudrup does, so there had to be tactical compensation. Albertz was moved from leftback to midfield. Cleland took his role and Moore came in at right-back. For some time Hibs looked

storm, rather than a sudden | bearding the champions in | As one Englishman cele- | latter's shot bounce over the squall. Spectators can see it their own den had been removed along with Laudrup and they appeared comfort-

able, if not threatening. Gascoigne had already created the sweetest move of the first half - having his shot blocked after a darting onetwo with McCoist - when he topped it by engineering the goal with which Durie gave Rangers the lead after 29

Carrying the ball through the middle, the England midfielder slipped it to Durie on the right: the forward took a few steps inside and drilled a

brated, another just looked 40. Ray Wilking on his return to lbrox as a Hibs player, showed only the remnants of a once glowing talent.

Wilkins did have a credit able effort from 20 yards which flew narrowly wide. but not before Van Vossen, who had replaced McCoist doubled Rangers' advantage two minutes into the second

The Dutchman picked up the ball 30 yards from goal and ran at the Hibs defenders who were slow to react. Millen had even turned his back as Van Vossen passed Weish Rangers are a gathering as though the usual terror of corner it was a smart finish. | and turned in time to see the

line and into Leighton's righthand corner. Van Vossen had an even clearer chance to score again later but, looking at Leighton

from the six-yard line, he stabbed the ball against the goalkeeper's leg. The Dutch-man had earlier beaten the goalkeeper with a looping header, but Miller rushed back to head off the line. By then, those early rumbles on the horizon had be-

come a whirlwind. Rangers: Goram: Moore, Gough, Peiric, Bjorklund, Cieland, Gescoigne McGalt. Albertz, Durie, McCost. Hiberniem: Leighton; Miller, Dods Millen, Welsh, Dow. McGinlay D Jackson. Wilkins, Wright, McAllister. Referent J McCluskey (Stewarton)

range passes.

Leitch introduced a rare

renowned for their sophistication but the west Londoners brought the rather more tracarried a significant threat going forward in the 17-yearold Morris Morris had already had two ditional values of concentration and commitment to one good chances, wasting one and seeing the other fly wide. of the heritage sites of That they did so in the most difficult of circumstances

> shot over Banks. Just as Chelsea had not crumbled neither now did Blackpool and the game developed an open, entertaining rhythm with Preece forcing Hitchcock into a sprawling save and Spencer mis-hitting

imbibed in there was initially efficacious. Chelsea's manager Ruud Gullit, who looked half-embarrassed by the applause he received from the Blackpool fans, had barely taken his seat

in the dug-out when he saw his rejigged side fall behind. Within seconds of the kickoff Banks, the Seasiders' goal-keeper, launched a long ball upfield. It fell to Bonner on the right touchline and he ran at Clarke before slipping the ball into the area. Under intense Chelsea pressure Preece went down but loud claims for a penalty were

There was immediate compensation for Blackpool, however, when in the resulting scramble the ball spilled to Quinn who struck a left-foot volley past Hitchcock with only 53 seconds gone. Gullit had reverted to a flat back four in the absence of Leboouf, but this was not the eflect he had hope for.

Instead of testering, though, Chelsea responded impressively and were lavel 15 minutes later. Vialli may have been missing with an ankle injury but Chelsea thin carried a significant than

when he was again found expertly by Spencer. Rimming on to the Scotsman's defence splitting pass Morris showed cool control before lifting his

from Hughes's centre Blackpool started the second half as they had the

first, at full throttle, with Mellon firing a stinging shot into Hitchcock's midrift. Likewise Chelsea's reaction was swift and incisive. Two minutes after the interval Petrescu ner, twisted inside Mellon and drilled the ball low and After a further 17 mostly

smashed in Chelsea's third tion after Wise had fed NI cholls, a half-time substitu tion for Clarke. Then after Butler had been dismisser when his foul on Hughe brought a second yellow card fourth fwith three minute

Swindon 1, Queens Park Rangers 2

## **Houston makes** a winning start

David Foot

vaved aside.

misgivings about turning down George Graham's overtures to join him and any fence dealt with Hamiltonian dealt wit land Road, they were instantly forgotten as he jumped from his seat in the dug-out to extol the saving grace of QPR's brilliant, over-due late flurry that brought them two goals in two

They shrugged off their earlier indecision to wipe out Mark Walters's lead for Swindon with two adroit attacks, leading to goals from Daniele

Dichio and Andrew Impey. The first came as the referee allowed advantage and the visitors surged past a bewildered defence. And, two minutes later, Impey rounded off some positive play by Sinclair to dance round the goalkeeper and roll the ball into the net.

Sinclair had rapidly reminded his new manager tion but the goalkeeper par-how important he is to this ried the ball instinctively. young side. After a quarter of an hour he held off a challenge from Horlock to fire a dominance brought its powerful shot, one of the few of real intent in this meander-ing first half, wide of the near

Ground faithful were left to jab inside to Walters. His leftaccept how badly Steve Mc foot shot, from well outside Mahon, the player-manager, the penalty area, brushed is missed, both for his vision Barker on its way into the and sheer midfield bite; there | net. It was, however, a sharp were too many pointless long- piece of opportunism by Wal-

right-wing move of positive skills as he took a return pass from Walters and bounded towards the byline. His centre was nullified by a line of QPR defenders, eager to impress

Houston and convince him

got an uneasy deflection and Sommer had to change direction to punch away. But the greater threat, mar-

ginally, came from QPR. Sin-clair, a single-minded striker, yards; maybe it was going in crash against the post but the goalkeeper Talia was still grateful that a defender's boot aused the ball to spin away for a corner.

The game was lifted by a superb save from Sommer after 54 minutes. Swindon had been pushing forward and QPR were desperately trying to cover. Cowe, with his back to goal, turned and shot from six yards. It deserved success and there was nothing wrong with the direc-

reward after 63 minutes. Some neat passing near the right touchline, always a

move ahead of the visitors, Once again the County | was rounded off with Darras's ters, a free signing from Southampton during the

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#### **Expanded Far East World Cup** dismissed as far-fetched

FIFA, the game's world governing body, yesterday dismissed as wishful thinking of the number will increase to the company to the second reports that the 2002 World Cup finals, which are to be jointly hosted by Japan and South Korea, would see an in-crease in participating countries from 32 to 40

"It's pie in the sky," said Fifa's spokesman Keith Cooper. "It's an idea the Japanese have been quoted about in Japan but they have not discussed it with Fifa. "The regulations are not de-

by Fifa. Absolutely nothing has been tabled for discussion. We have only just increased the World Cup to 32 feams." Twenty-four teams took two countries.

The number will increase to 32 for the 1998 tournament in

Japan and South Korea, the first countries to co-host the World Cup finals, were mak-ing what Fifa termed un-scheduled "courtesy calls" yesterday and today. The subject of increasing the number of teams, said Cooper, was not

on the agenda.

The issue of increasing the number of finalists, however, could be brought up at mee ings on November 6, when begin sorting out the many problems involved in splitting the World Cup between

#### row erupts EAKED reports that Celtic players are in dispute

Celtic bonus

with their chairman Fergus McCann about win bonuses have been confirmed by the manager Tommy Burns This is something which will he settled internally and settled today," he said. "There is nobody more dis-

appointed than the players themselves that this has come out in a newspaper." added Burns, although it seems certain that the story was leaked by a player after Celtic's 1-0 Coca-Cola Cup quarter-final defeat by Hearts on Tuesday night.
"The players are not only

well-paid but also very well-taken care of here," declared McCann, a Scots-Canadian, "and that will continue. We body for conditions players enjoy here at Celtic Park. I am sure that is the feeling among the players as a

Celtic have signed overseas players Pierre Van Hooydonk. Andreas Thom. Paolo Di Canio and Jorge Cadete in recent years and the wage-bill has rocketed since the old board was overthrown in **COCA-COLA CUP** Second round, first leg

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It is understood that Bassett will leave Crystal Palace and be installed at City in the next 48 hours. The appointment was expected early this week but Bassett is thought to have been concerned about the quality of City's senior squad and the lack of funds to rebuild it.

The sale of Kinkladze, valned at around £5 million and coveted by many clubs, would lem. Perhaps significantly Kinkladze's Swiss agent unexpectedly arrived in the Northwest yesterday for an un-scheduled meeting with his

Rumours that the gifted Georgian international midflelder was to be sold off to the highest bidder first enveloped Maine Road in summer after City's relegation from the

Although City's chairman Francis Lee has always in-sisted Kinkladze is not for sale and that he would hon-our the extended and improved contract he signed last season, the midfielder's days at Maine Road now look

With debts estimated at more than \$20 million, City's plight is so desperate that a recent attempt to sign Old-ham's defender Gunnar Halle floundered because they could not meet an asking price of only £250,000.

In recent weeks Kinkladze has been linked with Caltic, Arsenal, Leeds and Liverpool All could afford to inject much needed capital into City's coffers.

City's financial state is so parlous that Lee's attempts to fill the void created by Alan Ball's resignation last month have proved embarrassingly

Both George Graham and Howard Kendall rejected Lee's overtures after being told money available for team strengthening was minimal. Last weekend Bassett's Palace overwhelmed City 3-1 in a League game at Selhurst Park and on Tuesday night they were humiliated 4-1 in a Coca-Cola Cup tie by Lincoln

City of the Third Division Interestingly Kinkladze did not play at Lincoln, a mystery injury ruling him out. That means he will not be cup-tied

After Palace's victory over Bury at Gigg Lane on Tues-day, Bassett declined to com-

DARREN ANDERTON, the England winger, is facing

But at the moment Ander-ton is prepared to play on and help the club through an in-

a wall in their bid to sign the abrasive defender Miguel Nadal from Bobby Robson's Bar-celona. 'Barcelona were willing to let Nadal go when we made our first inquiry in August," said United's chairman Martin Edwards. "But they now say they are not prepared to sanction his

tish FA on October 14 to ex-

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Cricket

# Kinkladze Three men in a boat that may shortly come in

David Hopps looks at Leicestershire's bowling mainstays who have set the pace all season and left the rest in their wake

NE of the three shared his benefit with the grounds-man and barely made a penny. Another began his working life in the mines and has always thirsted for a decent pint. The most spaced out hankers after starting his own rock group. Together they form the Leicestershire pace attack and are on the verge of bowling one of the most unfashionable of teams

to the County Championship. The champions-elect have been routinely depicted as a commonplace side prospering in an unexceptional year and victory in their final match against Middlesex will not overly disturb the judgment. Gordon Parsons, David Millns and Alan Mullally will relish the opportunity to

mock such evaluations since HOW THEY STAND . . . AND THE COUNTDOWN ON THE FINALE all three have long become inured to careers outside cricket's mainstream. Parsons, after 19 first-class easons and a disparaging ben-

cate on the dressing-room wall press for a new contract. Millns, a Nottinghamshire miner while Thatcherism was doing its worst and spasmodically still the fastest bowler in England, has been hounded by injury and has never quite

efit, has heard so many stories about his age that he has been

known to pin his birth certifi-

cian, became the only Leices-tershire player to break into the England side this summer but even his Australian upbringing engenders a certain resentment from those who believe the way to salvation is never to stray over a national

A championship would mean a lot because this bowling trio have little to show for orthy careers. Milins, once an England A tourist, claims a great uncle, playing in Can-ada for Sakatoon University at the time, once bowled Brad-man. Parsons's greatest sta-tistical quirk has been achieved with the bat; no current player has amassed more first-class runs without scor-

least married into some sort of fame, with South Africa's captain Hansie Cronje for a brother-in-law. Last winter Mullally found

brief notoriety when he was bitten by a redback spider in Australia. His reputation is growing. If the much-touted inswing rarely materialised for England this summer, the consistency of this crop haired left-armer has made him the most redoubtable to date of England's Anglo-Australians.

But Leicestershire? Can it really be? Such is their mod-est reputation that a championship, to follow their only other under Raymond Illing-worth's captaincy in 1975,

mot consider the possi-bility for a minute but a draw and maximum bonus

points (eight) from their final match of the season against Middlesex would be

enough to bring them their

second championship, writes David Hopps.

The three point incentive for a draw, introduced this season to dissuade countles

cricket's self-worth; the championship — the ultimate prize — is expected after all to confirm our, and the selectors', prejudices. When it does not we feel

justified in questioning whether 17 four-day games are excessive and favour powers of survival above excellence. Even Illingworth, as a former Leicestershire man, has not been immune. As Jack Birkenshaw, Leicestershire's coach, remarked: "Illy came here once but he didn't watch us very closely. He didn't really believe we were up to it."

Birkenshaw and his captain James Whitaker have again left Leicestershire although the coach has assembled more than half his side from other counties' cast-offs and insists he would

EICESTERSHIRE will | would leave Leicestershire | Similar conditions may

at least a point clear of

Surrey, their nearest rivals. The draw factor would

probably come into play

only if the rains descend, and that, of course, is a

possibility given the late-ness of the season's finale. With so much at stake,

Leicestershire's emblem -

a running fox on a green background — is also likely

wavered all summer. "Gordon's a good, grum





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In the championship fast lane . . . Alan Mullally, left, David Millns and Gordon Parsons

part in Leicestershire's 1975 championship-winning side. The collective effort has not

bling old pro and probably our most disciplined bowler," Birkenshaw said. "When he walks off the field he always knows his figures, even if he has had 180 knocked off him. He is calmer than he was but he is still likely to blow at any

Street balcony, watching "Bullhead" finish an unrewarded spell against Durham.

also be in place at The Oval

where Surrey take on

Worcestershire, but Kent

have no control over the

nature of the Bristol pitch on which they face

Surrey are 14 points be-

hind the leaders and Kent a

further point adrift. With

16 points available for a

win, bonus points could yet

Gloucestershire.

their success than his own | bouncers and then kicked his | shoulders and backside. He bouncers and then kicken his bowling marker in the direc-tion of Durham. Before play began, each Leicestershire player had provided a caption to a cartion illustrating the huddle they enter every time they take a wicket. Parsons's caption read: "Even The Team Huddle Is Uphill Into

four bowling points are

also on offer, one each for

every two wickets upwards

Fourth-placed Essex

that Leicestershire finish

pointless and that Surrey

**Ambitious Andrew** 

JOHN BENTLEY, the former Sale centre who won three Eng-

signs for Newcastle today and will play for Rob Andrew's side on a winter contract before rejoining Halifax for the Super League season. Bentley, who last week pulled out of Great

Britain's tour to New Zealand, will make his Second Divisor debut for Newcastle on Saturday against Blackheath, who

include his Halifax team-mate and fellow winger Abe Ekoku.

Mick Pechey, the 28-year-old Widnes centre, also switched codes yesterday. He joins Martin Offiah at Bedford, who are

The Ireland tight-head prop Peter Clohessy, serving a 26-

signed a five-month contract with the Queensland Rugby Union. The 30-year-old forward, who is not expected to play at

Llanelli are expected to offer compensation to Orrell for the

services of the former All Black Frano Botica, who joined the League One club from Castleford during the summer. Llanelli

are believed to have agreed a deal in the region of £85,000 to buy out Botica's contract from Castleford.

Powell to coach the Cougars

NATHAN ROBERTSON, seen drinking at last weekend's Friends

Provident British Grand Slam tournament in Perth, has been dropped from the England badminton squad for next month's World Grand Prix tournaments in Holland and Russia, writes

Richard Jago. The promising 19-year-old from Nottingham will continue to attend England training sessions.

KENT are releasing their former captain Mark Benson and erstwhile England fast howler Alan Igglesden. Both have a year

Durham's 22-year-old batsman Darren Blenkiron has been dropped from their championship match at Derby today for

disciplinary reasons. He is alleged to have been involved in an incident in which a club car was damaged.

Sri Lanka's spinners Muthiah Muralitharan and Jayantha

Silva took four wickets apiece as Zimbabwe were dismissed on the opening day of the second Test in Colombo. Zimbabwe, beaten by

an innings in the first Test, made a solid enough start but slumped from 119 for two to 141 all out. Rain stopped play 23 overs early

Breakaway win for Di Renzo

MARCO DI RENZO, an Italian cyclist in his first year as a professional, scored his first big win when he took yesterday's windy 123-mile 11th stage of the Tour of Spain from Avila to Salamanca. Riding for the Slovenia-registered Cantina Tollo

team, he broke away with Ignacio Garcia Camacho soon after the

start and surged ahead of the Spaniard in the final mile to complete the first successful breakaway of the race and finish 4%

minutes ahead of the pack. Switzerland's Alex Zülle retained the overall lead ahead of Spain's Miguel Indurain and the Frenchman Laurent Jalabert. Today's 117-mile stage climbs from Benavente to a classic mountain finish at Alto del Naranco.

England unbeaten in chess ENGLAND, the second seeds, have started well at the 127-nation

with Sri Lanka 86 for three.

remaining on their contracts but have not played in the first team this season because of injury.

Kent let former captain go

club level, will move to Australia early in the New Year but intends to return to play in Ireland. He is suspended until the

week playing suspension for stamping on France's Olivier Roumat in a Five Nations match in Paris last February, has

union after a spell in rugby league. The 29-year-old winger

land caps eight years ago, is the latest player to return to rugby

**buys a Bentley** 

Sport in brief

end of November.

Birkenshaw believes that Millns is bowling as well now as in the early Nineties when England honours looked cer-tain. "He's had a few knockbacks but he worked hard on his game in South Africa last winter and he is a true, agworth's captaincy in 1975, offs and insists he would Frustrated by his failures, he gressive fast bowler; an old-would undermine English draw more pleasure from finished with a succession of fashioned type with big

from three

mouth but he tanks down the hill at Grace Road, never shirks and has a pint or two afterwards."

"Mulially?" one inquires.
"Spaceman!" generally comes
the answer. But Birkenshaw detects a change. "He appears more spaced out than he is because he generally has his Walkman on or is yelling over the top of his guitar. He used to turf up in old jeans and a baseball cap, turned back to front, but he is gradually coming to the party.
"JJ [James Whitaker] has

let him set his own fields and given him the responsibility to become his own man and that has suited him. That spider bite seemed to do him good. We might have to send

Other bowlers, too, have nade major contributions to Leicestershire's season, notably Vince Wells, an opening bowler, who rotted for years retain only a mathematical in Kent's 2nd XI and who chance. To win the title out-right, they would have to collect a maximum 24 Phil Simmons, who is riding points from Glamorgan's high in the first-class bowling visit to Chelmsford, hope averages. Between them, on a averages. Between them, on a Grace Road pitch that will doubtless do them a few favours, they aim to please.

# from surrendering lost to reflect the colour of the tip the balance. Four batcauses, plus bonus points lively Grace Road pitch. ting points are available in

Fairway to go . . . Europe's Trish Johnson drives off the 5th tee during practice for the Solheim Cup which starts tomorrow at St Pierre STEVE MUNDAY

# Solheim no place for Dottie behaviour

David Davies on the breach of etiquette that soured the last meeting between the women professionals of the US and Europe

Greenbrier, West Virginia, an incident occurred that was in itself disgraceful, that brought discredit to its perpetrator and that came close to diminishing the competition itself. Twenty-four months later,

on the eve of the fourth playing of the Solheim — starting at St Pierre, Chepstow, tomorrow — newspapers and maga-zines are still discussing the antics of the player con-cerned, Dottle Pepper Moch-rie as she then was, Dottle Pepper as she is now. One paper talked of the "Acquired taste of Pepper", another said "Europe want to cool red-hot Pepper" and a magazine said Pepper hates to lose, and it

Pepper is in Wales this week for the tournament that features the women profes-sional golfers of the United States versus those of Europe, towards the hole to pick up in a Ryder Cup format. She is her ball, stopped, transfixed

but believes level par could

win the inaugural Loch Lo-

mond World Invitational

The Loch Lomond course

over the next four days.

wo YEARS ago, in the heat of the battle for the Solheim Cup at The the game with an intensity that is both obvious and communicable

It makes her an opponent who is not only difficult to play against, and her behaviour two years ago was indic-

It is important to remember exactly what happened then and in the immediate

aftermath. Pepper was playing in a four-ball match and one of her opponents was Laura Davies. The European player had a 10-foot putt for a halved hole at the 3rd and missed it. There was the usual moment of sympathetic silence, into which erupted the very loud shout of "Yeah", accompanied by the sight of Pepper, eyes bulging, punching the air repeatedly in her joy at

the miss. Davies, who had started



Pepper . . . best and worst

by the sight of her half-demented opponent.
It was the kind of behaviour which, if done at a club, would have got the person concerned ejected and told to come back and try for mem-bership again when he, or she, had grown up. It went sportsmanship and of golfing etiquette and completely against the spirit of the side the bounds of normal eti-

Solheim Cup.

The match was won by the Americans and afterwards Pepper was brought into the press room to talk about it. She was asked about the incident and the exchanges were recorded by a stenographer as

follows: Question: "At the 3rd | the European non-playing hole, when Laura missed that birdie putt, you gave a 'pump' and said 'yes', as I recall. She looked like she was a little upset. Did you talk to her about it?" Pepper: "Talk to who about what?"

Question: "Should she [Davles] have been upset with you for doing that when she missed?"

Pepper: "I don't think any-body would have done anything different." That passage is remarkable

in that it indicates that Pep-per believes that to shout "Yeah" when an opponent misses a putt is acceptable and that there was nothing whatever to apologise about. Furthermore, if she really thinks that nobody would have done anything different, she must play her version of against every concept of golf with some amazing people. The incident was so far out-

quette that in the intervening two years some good golfing people have decided that it cannot possibly have been as bad as all that, that the media are, as ever, hyping it up again. Yesterday Mickey Walker.

captain, made that suggestion while admitting that she had not been present at the time in question. Walker was pre-pared to dismiss Pepper's she-nanigans with the remark: "She shows her emotions in the way that she shows them. You've got to get on with your game and ignore how others

Likewise the American magazine Golfweek has an article about Pepper which, unbelievably, talks about the player's "fiery competitive-ness" in the Solheim Cup but never mentions what she ac-tually did at The Greenbrier. The piece also talks in snide terms about the Europeans "taking umbrage at the whole display" without saying what that display was and

it adds a comment from an unnamed NBC TV official: "I think it's easier to take um-brage when you're getting beat up." They are, in other words, endorsing reprehensible be-

haviour as being acceptable as long as you win. "She is the embodiment of the spirit of the Solheim Cup," says this

piece. She is not. She is the exact

# Montgomerie banks on winning at bonny Loch Lomond by being level-headed

Chess Olympiad in Erevan, writes Leonard Barden. They beat Indonesia 314—11 and Denmark 3-1 without losing a game. Jon Speelman and Matthew Sadler both won twice but Nigel Short was held to a draw by Denmark's Curt Hansen. Scotland joined England on 6½ points by beating the US Virgin islands and Slovakia, while Alex Baburin drew with the world No. 5 Vassily Ivanchuk in the Ireland-Ukraine match. Teams are six-man squads, of whom four play in each of the 14 rounds. Russia, led by the world champion Garry Kasparov but without Anatoly Kar-

#### Speedway roar dies away

SEVENTY years of racing at Middlesbrough comes to an end after tonight's Premier League match against Bradford because Cleveland Park stadium has been sold. "There will be a few tears after the final race," said the promoter Malcolm Wright.

### for any buying club. ment on a possible move to

### Hernia poser for Anderton

a dilemma over when to have a hernia operation. The Tottenham player and his manager Gerry Francis both appreciate that surgery is tiecessary and that he is likely to miss at least five weeks of the season.

jury crisis. He also wants to keep himself in the frame for England with a World Cup qualifying match against Poland at Wembley in three

Manchester United have hit

Hearts go before the Scotplain their conduct in last Saturday's game at Ibrox, where they had four players

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Complete county scores

The Guardian JINTERACTIVE get to beat, especially if the

wind stays as it is."
Nick Faldo has described Loch Lomond as "the best golf course in Great Britain

his joint 25th place in the Trophée Lancôme last week.
Montgomerie is equally
determined. "I finished
second in the Lancôme but

COLIN MONTGOMERIE yesterday: "I would take lieves he plays his best golf was six over par for those in the best conditions and is to best and that is the anxious to make amends for worst I have played for a little light light and light ligh long, long time." The Scot has his sights on

the £125,000 first prize which would virtually secure for him the European is as spectacular as it is diffito miles". A stranger to last year's cult and Montogomerie said these shores of late, he belast 13 holes," he said. "I successive year. With five European Ryder Cup team.

ments to play before the season ends next month, Montgomerie is £115,350 ahead of Ian Woosnam. The Welshman is also in

the field in Scotland together with seven other

Order of Merit tourna-

#### DARYL POWELL, Keighley Cougars' 31-year-old international back, was confirmed yesterday as club coach, urites Paul Fizzpatrick. He takes over from Phil Larder, whose contract was not renewed at the end of the season. Both depart tomorrow for Great Britain's rugby league tour of Papua New Guinea, Fiji and New Zealand — Larder as coach and Powell as senior professional. Powell won all his Test caps with Sheffield Eagles, who sold him to Keighley for £135,000 last year. He will continue to play. **Dry run for Robertson**

# SportsGuardian

# England rift with clubs widens

Robert Armstrong

FRESH outbreak of acrimony between the Rugby Football Union and its leadng clubs yesterday threatened this autumn's internationals at Twickenham, Peace talks between the

RFU and the clubs were undermined by more mud-slinging by the two sides which led Twickenham to ac-cuse Donald Kerr, the chairman of the clubs' umbrella body English Professional Rugby Union Clubs Limited, of "a deliberate by "a deliberate attempt to split the RFU and conceal differences of opinion with Epruc". Kerr, in turn, berated the chairman of the RFU exec-utive Cliff Brittle for allegedly undermining the peace

process". Now negotiations between England and Australia, who want to play a Test at Twickenham on either November 2 or 16, have also stalled due to the uncertainty surrounding the future of the England squad which has not met so far this season because of the dispute. England are due to play home games against Italy on November 23 and Argentina on December 14.

Meanwhile a growing number of clubs. including Orrell, Sale, Gloucester, London Irish, Leicester, Waterloo, Wakefield and West Hartle pool plan to hold meetings to consider Epruc's threat to break away from the RFU on

Many members and officials bave been alarmed by the way the England squad's preparations have been derailed by what they regard as clubs within the past year. Yesterday Kerr refused to give an assurance that the

next Wednesday.
The clubs' latest attempt to use the England squad as a negotiating weapon against Twickenham produced an

Tony Hallett, whose tersely worded statement indicated a closing of the ranks. Their concern about the continued disruption to England's training plans prompted them to call on Epruc to "release their players to play for England at the very least to show good

The first meeting at Twick-Australia for five years — which would be worth around £4 million to both nations has been placed in jeopardy because the RFU cannot guarantee a recognisable England team at relatively short

If the fixture is aborted the clubs and the players would suffer as much as the RFU given that all are desperate to enhance the revenue required to fund the professional game. Surely there is no reason for anyone to knock us back this time," said John O'Neill, the Australian RFU chief execu-

According to Kerr: "We were fairly relaxed about the players attending England training but we now find it too early to comment on whether we will release them. Unfortunately Cliff Brittle , has been active behind the scenes in undermining the

whole peace process.
"The RFU gave us certain undertakings and in return we agreed to release the players to try to take things for-ward on an amicable basis. We looked for an amicable parting of the ways on Octo-ber 11 but it looks like being acrimonious rather than

It also remains to be seen whether the RFU will retain authority over the European now that the English. Welsh and Scottish clubs have agreed to form a European England players could train Rugby Federation, an um-next Wednesday. Rugby Federation for all

club competitions. ITV is expected to decide in the next week whether or not to televise the European Cup, angry joint response from due to start on October 12.





Collision course . . . Birmingham's striker Paul Furlong, right, and Coventry's defender Richard Shaw challenge for midfield possession in the all-Midlands tie at Highfield Road last night

# Raise a glass to the rout of moralists



Frank Keating

passion and support pledged by both Arsenal and the Football Association to the drug-taking Paul Merson and the drinker Tony Adams shines out in comparison to the wretched reaction of Sussex CCC and the Test and County Cricket Board and their heavy-handed treatment of Ed Giddins, the promising Eng-

land A pace bowler. Just as he did at Merson's public mea culpa, the FA's director of public affairs David Davies this week announced: 'Tony Adams can be assured of our total support." That in the month after a draconian Lord's banned Giddins from all cricket and, more than likely, wiped out his whole

future career. The fact that Merson and Adams seemed to use the tabloid press as a confessional somehow gives even more credit to the PA's reaction. But what business is it of Lord's what a cricketer does in his own time at a party? The police exist as the country's law enforcers. If a drug is per formance-enhancing, agreed, a different matter — but if Gid dins had opened the bowling when still "high" he would probably have broken the world record for wides in an unfinished over.

It would be too much to hope that Sussex and the TCCB were having second thoughts about Giddins because, as the 20th century winds down, both seem happy to represent the sport's administrative mandarins who hanker for the 19th. The whole batty ethos they cling to was defined 132 years ago, in the Royal Commission on Public cricket and football fields are not merely places of exercise and amusement; they help to form some of the most valuable social qualities and

manly virtues . . ."
Rowlocks! In professional team sports of the 1990s you can be both unsociable and unmanly but, if your performance on the field is better than that of the bloke challenging for your place, you stay in the team. And, as long as you perform on the field, what you do at off-duty parties should not make a have p'orth of difference. Why do this Gestapo of mor-als inhabit only British sport? Do they test for drugs or alco-hol at the entrance to the BBC each morning? Or Fleet Street? Or at the stagedoor of the RSC? At the Institute of Directors, perhaps? Or at the House of Commons? Attend a party at the latter and you may go in thinking you have a drink problem but, once in, you know you are as abstern ons as Baden-Powell

Adams's courage should be applauded. Another confe alcoholic (who has not had a drink for years) was the penalty-area maestro Jimmy Greaves, who once graphi-cally explained the stress that

Adams attempted to voice. "While with Spurs I drank heavily to help relieve the pres sure of big-time football. My career covered an era when the game suddenly went sick and defeat became a dirty word. We used to get really stoked up for the games, with our adrenalin pumped so high a lot of us needed an after-match drink to bring us back to earth."

T WAS 1981 that Greaves was reflecting in sobriety on his career — the same year Ian Botham indelibly signed his name with such honour on the Ashes urn. (It was five years before Lord's lamentably, was to ban Botham for half a summer for admitting to having puffed a

bit of pot in his youth). On the eve of Botham's cata-clysmic innings at the Headingley Test — on the Sunday of rest with England already looking beaten — he threw a party at his Yorkshire home, a party of epic and liquid resplendence. It ended with the host the last man standing. He could not have had a hangover for 149 not out followed when he batted next day. Nor at indore the following winter when he hit 118 in 44 balls on another morning after a truly

Rabelaisian night before. Botham's voluptuous hoo-raymanship, inspired by the grape and grain, at Headingley was a Test innings of joy matched only by Gilbert Jesson's at The Oval in 1902. He. too, had been at the juice the ignit delore. his memoir A Cricketer's Log. "As the night wore on, I found myself gambling on the proceedings of the morrow. It was done to assist in the laudable object of raising drooping spirits — and also to the fact that my first glass of Pommery that evening had produced that feeling which for want of a better road want to describe better word may be described

More-ish — to the extent of killing his third bottle, before going out to slay the dragon on the field. If only today's prurient moralists could be routed with such ready ease

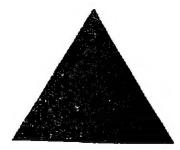
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Hump bridge.



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### Singular new club with testy members who want to leave

Paul Weaver

One Test Wonders Club gathered at Merchants Restaurant in Southampton on Tuesday evening, it might have been for a sulk-in, a communal bitch on the fickle nature of England's Test selectors. Instead they had a few beers and launched their club. To play cricket for Eng-land is an honour and to play once, according to Hampshire's captain John Stephenson, is a singular honour. The club is his brainchild although be recruited his wife Fiona to do the Wisden slog and count the members.
"There are over 80 crick-

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them are still living," said Stephenson, who qualifies by way of his solitary cap against Australia at The Oval in 1989. They might have called the club the Old Oval-Timers because that is where many of them made their first and last appearances.

"It is the only club I can think of which everyone wants to belong to but. as soon as they do, they want to lose their membership. I would certainly be happy to relinguish my card. "A common strain among

members seems to be that we were chosen to play at the end of a series and then were not chosen to play in a eters who have played just

She refuses to take my outstretched

hand by way of introduction. Instead

Interview with Andie McDowell

she keeps her paws tightly gripped on a

glass of scary-looking vegetable purée.

man who has won more Eng-land caps, 118, than anyone else: Graham Gooch. He was there on Tuesday night and was lucky they did not put a match to his droopy moustache. "It was a great turn-out

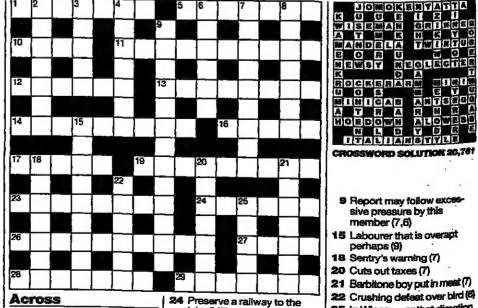
and Norman Mitchell-Innes, who is 82 now and played for Oxford University and Somerset, popped along, although Hopper Read, who played for Surrey and Essex and is now 86, couldn't make it." said Stephenson.

"There were a few one-cap wonders of a more recent vintage, including Alan Butcher, Tony Pigott, Paul Parker, Dick Richardson and Arnie Sidebottom. The One Testers have deigned their own club tie: blue silk with an England emblem and one cap hang-ing from it. "The idea," said Stephenson. "is to get together, raise a bit of money for charity and have

a bit of fun in the process." Other members include James Whitaker (1986), Alan Wells (1995), Joey Benjamin (1994), Mark subsequent tour."

Benson (1986), Andy Lloyd
Strangely they have
selected as their president a
and Dennis Brookes (1947).

### Guardian Crossword No 20,762



1 Ineffective prescription for economy (7)

5 Yield to profess

10 Many find support over hunt 1 Award for celebrity on

continent (6,4) 2 Jacket material for one out of three boatmen (6) 13 Produce off-putting green

14 Was Cato saved by their pleadings? (9) 16 They ruled over some rebellious Rastafarians (5)

17 Felt badly about English 19 Displeasing kind of attack

23 Gift from party to state (8)

apparently (10) 27 Call some spectator in gallery (4) Gives evidence of attending

26 Still without a proposal

Isles? (6)

top-level trials? (7) 29 Stop at spa resort for paving material (7)

Down

2 Servant who must set out with drawback (7)

3 Deceased king in after time (5) 4 Where to see a bird on the 6 Soldier is unable to retract (6)

7 Has little confidence in underworld business arrangements (9) 8 Formal document showing singer to possess skill (7) CROSSWORD SOLUTION 20,781

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